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3 By Representatives Shaver, McMillan, Shiver, Baker,  
4 Sanderford, Kitchens, Sorrell, Sullivan, Standridge, Shedd,  
5 Wadsworth, Isbell, Easterbrook, Stringer, Faust, Brown (K),  
6 Reynolds, Wood (D), Wingo, Moore (P), Meadows, Lovvorn, Hanes,  
7 Fincher, Garrett, Mooney, Farley, Robbins, Drake, Pettus,  
8 Hill, Treadaway, Rowe, Lee, Wheeler, Rich, Robertson, Oliver,  
9 Holmes, Kiel, Estes, Clouse, Sorrells, Smith, Sells, Marques,  
10 Gaston, Ellis, South, Simpson, McCutcheon, Blackshear,  
11 Ledbetter, Brown (C), Grimsley, Jones (S), Rogers, Gray,  
12 Chestnut, Givan, Coleman, Nordgren, Hall, Clarke, Drummond,  
13 Hollis, Rafferty and Warren  
14 RFD: Rules  
15 First Read: 03-MAR-21

COMMENDING THE WINNERS OF THE GREAT ALABAMA 650  
RACE.

WHEREAS, the Alabama Scenic River Trail (ASRT) was  
established in 2008 and designated by the United States  
Secretary of Interior as a National Recreational Trail in  
2009, and a National Water Trail in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the ASRT originally extended for 650 miles  
and was designated as the longest one-state river trail  
starting in North Alabama on the Coosa River's Weiss Lake and  
ending at Fort Morgan, Alabama, where Mobile Bay meets the  
Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the ASRT is comprised of more than  
6,500 miles of accessible waterways and has helped to develop  
over 60 canoe and kayak rental shops and outfitters to promote  
the Great Natural Resources of the State of Alabama and  
contribute to the state's trail system economy; and

WHEREAS, the ASRT is operated by a small team of  
employees and a network of volunteers; it has developed  
statewide safety and education initiatives, 216 river-front

1 campsites, and with grant funds, erected more than 200  
2 informational signs on waterways across the state; and

3 WHEREAS, to further the goals of the ASRT, the Great  
4 Alabama 650 adventure race was inaugurated in 2019 along the  
5 original 650-mile section of the ASRT drawing international  
6 attention, including over 1,000,000 "impressions" from news  
7 stories and social media posts; and

8 WHEREAS, the race was held for a second year in  
9 2020; and

10 WHEREAS, winners in the race and their winning times  
11 were: Two-Person team, Joe Mann from Kansas City, Missouri,  
12 and Paul Cox from Atlanta, Georgia, 5 days, 22 hours, and 8  
13 minutes; Male solo, Bobby Johnson from Dunedin, Florida, 6  
14 days, 3 hours, and 51 minutes; Female solo, Salli O'Donnell  
15 from Fort Walton Beach, Florida, 6 days, 5 hours, and 7  
16 minutes; and

17 WHEREAS, this body recognizes the skill,  
18 perseverance, and mental and physical toughness of all  
19 participants, and particularly of the division winners; now  
20 therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the division winners of the  
23 Great Alabama 650 Race are highly commended for this  
24 achievement, and that a copy of this resolution shall be sent  
25 to the ASRT office headquarters and to each of the division  
26 winners.