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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

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING THE WINNERS OF THE GREAT ALABAMA 650
4 RACE.

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6 WHEREAS, the Alabama Scenic River Trail (ASRT) was
7 established in 2008 and designated by the United States
8 Secretary of Interior as a National Recreational Trail in
9 2009, and a National Water Trail in 2012; and

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

15 WHEREAS, in 2021, the ASRT is comprised of more than
16 6,500 miles of accessible waterways and has helped to develop
17 over 60 canoe and kayak rental shops and outfitters to promote
18 the Great Natural Resources of the State of Alabama and
19 contribute to the state's trail system economy; and

20 WHEREAS, the ASRT is operated by a small team of
21 employees and a network of volunteers; it has developed
22 statewide safety and education initiatives, 216 river-front
23 campsites, and with grant funds, erected more than 200
24 informational signs on waterways across the state; and

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

6 WHEREAS, the race was held for a second year in
7 2020; and

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

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

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

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 09-MAR-21.

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16 Senate

18-MAR-21

Adopted

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