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By Representatives Hulsey, Faulkner, DuBose, Shaw, Carns, Mooney, Tillman

RFD: RULES

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HJR___ COMMENDING MR. WILL REICHARD FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA FOOTBALL TEAM.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, highest commendations and congratulations are herein conveyed to Alabama's own Will Reichard for his outstanding career as a collegiate football player; and

WHEREAS, a Hoover, Alabama, native, Mr. Reichard was ranked the No. 1 high school kicker in the nation by ESPN.com, the 247 Composite, and the Kohl's Kicking Class of 2019; the No. 2 high school kicking prospect in the nation by 247 Sports and Rivals.com; and the No. 2 high school punter in the nation by the Kohl's Kicking Class of 2019; during his high school career with the Hoover High School Buccaneers, he made 27 of 31 career field goal attempts and was perfect on points after touchdowns (PATs), making all 109 attempts; of his 188 high school career kickoffs, he recorded 186 touchbacks; he was named to the Class 7A First-Team All-State in 2018; as a high school senior, Mr. Reichard was named to USA Today's American Family Insurance All-USA Alabama Football Team, the Under Armour All-American Team, and also played in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic; and Mr. Reichard played on two State Championship teams at Hoover High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reichard committed to The University of

Alabama in 2019, where he embarked on his career as a legendary placekicker for the Crimson Tide; for his extraordinary senior season with the Crimson Tide, Mr. Reichard earned Second Team All-American honors from The Sporting News and CBS Sports, and he earned Third Team All-America accolades from the Associated Press; he was named the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Special Teams Player of the Year by the conference coaches, a First Team All-SEC placekicker by the conference coaches and the Associated Press, and a Second Team All-SEC kickoff specialist by the conference coaches; for the 2023 season, Mr. Reichard was selected as a midseason All-American by CBS Sports, ESPN.com, and USA Today, a midseason first team All-American by the Associated Press, FOX Sports, and The Athletic, and a preseason second team All-American by Sports Illustrated; and Mr. Reichard was named as a Lou Groza Award finalist, one of the Lou Groza Award "Stars of the Week" in Week 5, the Special Teams Player of the Week by The University of Alabama's football coaching staff in Weeks 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 12, and the SEC Special Teams Player of the Week in Week 6 and Week 8; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reichard is the NCAA's career points leader with 547 points; he graduated as The University of Alabama's career record holder for field goals with 84, 50-plus yard field goals with 10, and PATs with 295; over the course of his collegiate football career, Mr. Reichard kicked 386 kickoffs for 23,203 yards with an average of 60.1 yards per kickoff and a total of 194 touchbacks; during his

time with the Crimson Tide, Reichard made 295 of 297 PAT attempts, giving him a 99.3 PAT percentage; and he made 84 of 100 field goals with a career long field goal of 52 yards and a field goal percentage of 84 percent; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reichard is considered by many to be one of the most reliable placekickers in college football history; he remains beloved by students, fans, his former teammates, his family, and The University of Alabama; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we highly commend and congratulate Mr. Will Reichard for his phenomenal collegiate career and numerous athletic accolades, and we hereby dedicate this resolution to him with the utmost respect, along with sincere best wishes for continued success in the next chapters of his life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Will Reichard as a demonstration of our immense admiration and congratulations.