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4 HR_____ COMMENDING THE HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS AND BOYS
5 TRACK TEAMS ON THEIR 2024 ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC
6 ASSOCIATION CLASS 7A INDOOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WINS.

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8 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we honor those
9 Alabama students who, through their athletic ability, have
10 achieved the pinnacle of success and serve as exceptional
11 champions of the great State of Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, one such group of estimable individuals is
13 the Hoover High School girls and boys indoor track teams,
14 which swept the 2024 Alabama High School Athletic
15 Association (AHSAA) Class 7A State Championships at the
16 CrossPlex Athletic Facility in Birmingham; and

17 WHEREAS, true excellence in track demands individual
18 strength, agility, and skill, as well as team effort and
19 good sportsmanship; the Hoover teams exhibit all of these
20 qualities and more; and

21 WHEREAS, using these talents and attributes, Head
22 Coach Chris Schmidt and his assistants have coached the
23 Hoover teams to win the state championship for the third
24 straight year; the slate of exceptional Hoover athletes have
25 benefited greatly from their knowledgeable leadership,
26 encouragement, and devotion; and

27 WHEREAS, Hoover had six individual state champions in
28 addition to four relay state champions; they also had an



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incredible 14 individual All-State podium medalists and an additional 6 relay team All-State podium medalists; and

WHEREAS, the Hoover boys amassed 133.5 points to grab the 7A crown for the 13th time in school history, stomping out their competition by 54.5 points; the state indoor title was the 11th for the Hoover girls program, and it was the seventh time the two teams have swept the indoor state championships in the same year; the other years were 2014, 2015, 2018, 2020, 2022, and 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Hoover girls totaled 90 points in the girls competition, winning over second place by 31 points; their 4x400 relay team, comprised of Grier Jones, McKenzie Blackledge, Daisy Luna, and Taylor Canada, made history by winning the final event with a state record time of .3:53.64; the time is also a new CrossPlex record; and

WHEREAS, the competition was highlighted by a number of outstanding individual performances; on the girls team, sophomore Daisy Luna recorded a personal best of 55.81 in the 400-meter dash to take first place; Taylor Canada won the Class 7A 60-meter hurdles with a winning time of 7.67 seconds; McKenzie Blackledge was awarded the female track MVP based on scoring 14 points in her individual events, and she also finished second in the 800-meter run at 2:15.53; and

WHEREAS, on the boys team, senior Denver Cash finished with a second-place win and a new personal best of 7.88; Collin Pate, the outstanding senior pole vaulter, cleared 16 feet, 2 inches in one of the most exciting events



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of the meet; Bradley Shaw, a senior football standout who was recently honored at the Mr. Football Award Luncheon as the Class 7A lineman of the year, won the 7A shot put title with a winning throw of 51-04; and senior Dallas Beck ran a personal best at 48.64 to win the Class 7A 400-meter dash; and

WHEREAS, the Hoover High School indoor track teams' noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for their families, their classmates, and their entire community; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the team members for serving as exemplars of the high quality of youth representing the State of Alabama; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we congratulate the Hoover High School girls and boys track programs on winning the 2024 AHSAA Class 7A State Championships and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.