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By Representative Mooney

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HJR___ HONORING UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO ANGLER EASTON FOTHERGILL FOR WINNING THE 2023 BASSMASTER COLLEGE BRACKET CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, it is with immense pride and pleasure that we recognize Easton Fothergill for winning the 2023 Bassmaster College Classic Bracket at Milford Lake, an accomplishment that is a testimony to his unyielding dedication and commitment to his sport; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Strike King Bassmaster College Series Classic Bracket Championship on Milford Lake in Kansas was held September 29, 2023 to October 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fothergill, who attends the University of Montevallo in Alabama, defeated Jack Alexander of Montevallo in Round 1, Hayden Marbut of Auburn in Round 2, and Tucker Smith of Auburn in the Championship Round; he won the tournament with a final day haul of 11 pounds, 13 ounces; and

WHEREAS, a month before this celebrated victory, Mr. Fothergill was diagnosed by doctors at The University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital with an abscess in his brain and underwent emergency brain surgery; he temporarily moved home to Minnesota to recuperate and only returned to the University of Montevallo's campus in late September; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fothergill contributes his amazing

recovery and success to the unyielding support of his family, teammates, and coach; and

WHEREAS, Easton Fothergill is a member of the University of Montevallo's Outdoor Scholars Program where he studies conservation, the environment, and game management; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his perseverance in winning the 2023 Bassmaster College Classic Bracket only one month following brain surgery, highest commendation is hereby accorded to University of Montevallo angler Easton Fothergill, for whom a copy of this resolution shall be presented with tribute and esteem.