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By Representative Shaver

RFD: RULES

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HJR___ COMMENDING THE WINNERS OF THE GREAT ALABAMA 650 RACE.

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Alabama Scenic River Trail is comprised of more than 6,500 miles of accessible waterways and has partnered with over 70 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 Alabama Scenic River Trail has worked to promote and develop paddling and other fresh water activities in the Great State of Alabama and has installed mile markers across the state with the goal of making Alabama's waterways the safest in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Great Alabama 650 Race was held for a fifth year in 2023, drawing international attention, participation, and excitement for the unique paddling

opportunities in the Great State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, winners in the 650-mile paddle race and their winning times were: Overall and Male Solo Winner, Trey Reaves of Florence, Alabama, 6 days, 1 hour, 31 minutes; Female Solo, Salli O'Donnell of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, 6 days, 6 hours, 40 minutes; Two-person Team, Matt Taylor of Brantley, Alabama, and Myles Sumerlin of Moss Point, Mississippi, 7 days, 3 hours, 9 minutes; and

WHEREAS, this body recognizes the skill, perseverance, and mental and physical toughness of all participants and appreciates the race's role in promoting paddling in the State of Alabama; now therefore,

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