

1 HJR49
2 217230-2
3 By Representative Shaver
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 08-FEB-22

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

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

21 WHEREAS, the Alabama Scenic River Trail is operated
22 by a small team of employees and a network of volunteers; it
23 has developed statewide safety and educational initiatives,
24 more than 200 river-front campsites, and with grant funds,

1 erected more than 200 informational signs on waterways across
2 the state; and

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

8 WHEREAS, the race was held for a third year in 2021;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, winners in the race and their winning times
11 were: Two-Person team, Joe Mann from Kansas City, Missouri,
12 and Paul Cox from Atlanta, Georgia, 4 days, 2 hours, and 17
13 minutes; Male solo, West Hansen from Austin, Texas, 5 days, 19
14 hours, and 9 minutes; and Female solo, Salli O'Donnell from
15 Fort Walton Beach, Florida, 4 days, 22 hours, and 39 minutes;
16 and

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

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

1 to the Alabama Scenic River Trail office headquarters and to
2 each of the division winners.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 16-FEB-22.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate 17-FEB-22 Adopted