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3 By Representatives Shaver, McMillan, Shiver, Baker,
4 Sanderford, Kitchens, Sorrell, Sullivan, Standridge, Shedd,
5 Wadsworth, Isbell, Easterbrook, Stringer, Faust, Brown (K),
6 Reynolds, Wood (D), Wingo, Moore (P), Meadows, Lovvorn, Hanes,
7 Fincher, Garrett, Mooney, Farley, Robbins, Drake, Pettus,
8 Hill, Treadaway, Rowe, Lee, Wheeler, Rich, Robertson, Oliver,
9 Holmes, Kiel, Estes, Clouse, Sorrells, Smith, Sells, Marques,
10 Gaston, Ellis, South, Simpson, McCutcheon, Blackshear,
11 Ledbetter, Brown (C), Grimsley, Jones (S), Rogers, Gray,
12 Chestnut, Givan, Coleman, Nordgren, Hall, Clarke, Drummond,
13 Hollis, Rafferty and Warren
14 RFD: Rules
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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
COMMENDING THE WINNERS OF THE GREAT ALABAMA 650
RACE.

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2021, the ASRT is comprised of more than
6,500 miles of accessible waterways and has helped to develop
over 60 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 ASRT is operated by a small team of
employees and a network of volunteers; it has developed
statewide safety and education initiatives, 216 river-front
campsites, and with grant funds, erected more than 200
informational signs on waterways across the state; and

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

6 WHEREAS, the race was held for a second year in
7 2020; and

8 WHEREAS, winners in the race and their winning times
9 were: Two-Person team, Joe Mann from Kansas City, Missouri,
10 and Paul Cox from Atlanta, Georgia, 5 days, 22 hours, and 8
11 minutes; Male solo, Bobby Johnson from Dunedin, Florida, 6
12 days, 3 hours, and 51 minutes; Female solo, Salli O'Donnell
13 from Fort Walton Beach, Florida, 6 days, 5 hours, and 7
14 minutes; and

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

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the division winners of the
21 Great Alabama 650 Race are highly commended for this
22 achievement, and that a copy of this resolution shall be sent
23 to the ASRT office headquarters and to each of the division
24 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 09-MAR-21.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

18-MAR-21

Adopted