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3 By Representatives Sanderford, McCutcheon, Whorton (R), Ball,
4 Williams (P) and Hall
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8 COMMENDING MARK RUSSELL ON HIS SELECTION AS THE 2018
9 SECTION 3 RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SPIRIT OF
10 SPORTS AWARD.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with immense pleasure that we commend
13 Mark Russell on his selection as 2018 Section 3 recipient of
14 the National High School Spirit of Sports Award by the
15 National Federation of State High School Associations; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Russell, Huntsville City Council
17 president and high school football referee, will be recognized
18 on July 20, 2018, at the AHSAA Summer Conference Championship
19 Coaches awards banquet in Montgomery, Alabama; and

20 WHEREAS, as AHSAA and youth league football official
21 for more than 30 years, Mr. Russell has been a member of the
22 Northeast Football Officials Association; he has served as
23 head of its nominating committee, as the leader of the local
24 football association's Fellowship of Christian Athletes group
25 and as chair of the NEFBOA's benevolent committee projects;
26 and he has officiated several AHSAA championship football

1 games, most recently as a linesman at the 2017 Class 7A title
2 game; and

3 WHEREAS, the National High School Spirit of Sport
4 Award was created by the NFHS to recognize those individuals
5 who exemplify the ideals of the spirit of sport that represent
6 the core mission of education-based athletics; and

7 WHEREAS, the NFHS divides the nation into eight
8 geographical sections; the states in Section 3 are Alabama,
9 Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina,
10 South Carolina, and Tennessee; nominations for this award were
11 generated through NFHS member state associations and reviewed
12 by the NFHS Spirit of Sport Award Selection Committee composed
13 of state association staff members; and

14 WHEREAS, through the years, Mark Russell has earned
15 widespread admiration and respect for his tireless dedication
16 and exceptional abilities, and he is truly deserving of
17 special commendation and praise; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition and gratitude
20 for outstanding contributions to athletics, and upon receipt
21 of the 2018 Section 3 National High School Spirit of Sport
22 Award, we hereby most highly honor Mr. Mark Russell to whom a
23 copy of this resolution shall be provided with tribute and
24 esteem.