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3 By Senators Stewart, Barfoot, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Bell,

4 Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman,

5 Coleman-Madison, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher,

6 Hovey, Jones, Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Orr,

7 Price, Reed, Roberts, Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton,

8 Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner, Weaver, Williams

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SJR\_\_\_\_\_ CONGRATULATING GUNNAR RANDAL HENDERSON FOR WINNING  
THE SILVER SLUGGER AWARD AND THE 2023 JACKIE ROBINSON  
AMERICAN LEAGUE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure,  
highest commendations and congratulations are conveyed to  
Gunnar Randal Henderson, a native son of Alabama, on being  
awarded the Silver Slugger Award and unanimously winning the  
2023 Jackie Robinson American League Rookie of the Year  
Award; and

WHEREAS, Gunnar Henderson was born on June 29, 2001,  
in Montgomery, Alabama; he grew up in Selma and attended  
John T. Morgan Academy; in 2019, his senior year in high  
school, he was named Alabama Sports Writers Association's  
Mr. Baseball and selected as the Gatorade Player of the Year  
for Alabama; furthermore, he was named to the Under Armour,  
Perfect Game, Baseball America, USA Today, Collegiate  
Baseball, and Area Code High School All-American teams after  
batting .559 with 17 doubles, nine triples, 11 home runs, 69  
runs scored, and 75 RBIs while stealing 32 bases; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Orioles selected Henderson in  
the second round of the 2019 Major League Baseball (MLB)  
draft with the 42nd overall pick; and

WHEREAS, Henderson was named the best overall athlete  
in the Orioles' minor league system going into the 2021



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29 season, where he played over 105 games between three teams  
30 slashing .258/.350/.476 with 17 home runs, 74 RBIs, 28  
31 doubles, and 16 stolen bases; for the 2022 season, Henderson  
32 was named Baseball America's Minor League Player of the  
33 Year; and

34 WHEREAS, the Orioles promoted Gunnar Henderson to  
35 their major league roster and he made his debut on August  
36 31, 2022; and

37 WHEREAS, Gunnar Henderson was named the number one  
38 prospect in Major League Baseball going into the 2023 season  
39 by Baseball America and MLB Pipeline, and from there he has  
40 won the following prestigious awards: Sporting News 2023  
41 American League Rookie of the Year, MLB Pipeline's 2023  
42 All-Rookie Team, Baseball Digest 2023 Rookie of the Year,  
43 and 2023 MLB Players Association's Outstanding Rookie of the  
44 Year; and

45 WHEREAS, the Baltimore Orioles infielder received the  
46 Silver Slugger Award as the best hitting utility player in  
47 the American League for the 2023 MLB season; voted on by MLB  
48 managers and coaches, the Silver Slugger awards have been  
49 presented annually since 1980 to the top offensive player at  
50 each position in each league; and

51 WHEREAS, his incredible 2023 season culminated in his  
52 unanimous win of one of the highest honors in Major League  
53 Baseball, the 2023 Jackie Robinson American League Rookie of  
54 the Year (ROY) Award, which is voted on by the Baseball  
55 Writers' Association of America; he is the seventh Oriole to  
56 win this prestigious ROY award; and



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57           WHEREAS, other notable MLB accomplishments include,  
58           but are not limited to, hitting a 462-foot home run against  
59           the Kansas City Royals, which was the farthest ever hit onto  
60           Eutaw Street in the 31-year history of Camden Yards; setting  
61           the Orioles' record for extra base hits by a rookie at 66,  
62           and finishing the 2023 regular season with 28 home runs, 82  
63           RBIs, .814 OPS, and a .255 AVG; and

64           WHEREAS, the occasion of Gunnar Henderson's  
65           designation as winner of both the Silver Slugger Award and  
66           the 2023 Jackie Robinson American League Rookie of the Year  
67           Award are accomplishments to be celebrated; his  
68           single-minded dedication, strong desire for success,  
69           constant training, and tireless and diligent efforts to  
70           achieve excellence serve as a valuable example to young  
71           athletes across the country and in his home State of  
72           Alabama; now therefore,

73           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
74           HOUSES THEROF CONCURRING, That we highly commend and  
75           congratulate Gunnar Henderson for his outstanding 2023 Major  
76           League Baseball Season and for being selected as the  
77           recipient of the Silver Slugger Award and the 2023 Jackie  
78           Robinson American League Rookie of the Year Award, and we  
79           hereby dedicate this resolution to him with utmost  
80           admiration, along with sincere best wishes for continued  
81           success.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 06-Feb-24

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

Passed: 20-Feb-24

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By: Senator Stewart