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3 By Representative Morrow  
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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
REQUESTING THE ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC  
ASSOCIATION TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING FISHING AS A RECOGNIZED  
SCHOOL SPORT.

WHEREAS, thousands of Alabama students throughout  
the state enjoy and participate regularly in fishing; and

WHEREAS, competitive sport fishing is currently  
recognized for high school participation by the Illinois High  
School Athletic Association; about 2,500 male and female  
Illinois students participated in the first season in 2008,  
and officials in Illinois are anticipating that more than 300  
of the state's 785 schools will soon be involved in sport  
fishing; and

WHEREAS, professional fishing and outdoor  
organizations such as FLW Outdoors, Bassmaster, and other  
organizations have expressed their support for the growth of  
sport fishing at the college level and at the high school  
level; and

WHEREAS, recognizing sport fishing in Alabama would  
give thousands of boys and girls the opportunity to compete  
individually and in teams in sport fishing; and

1           WHEREAS, the sport would allow thousands of youth  
2 who are not interested in traditional sports the opportunity  
3 to enjoy and compete in outdoor sporting events; and

4           WHEREAS, if sport fishing were recognized in  
5 Alabama, local communities, both rural and urban, would  
6 experience more opportunities to attract tourism dollars from  
7 out-of-town visitors to local restaurants, motels, and  
8 shopping areas; and

9           WHEREAS, high school participation in sports fishing  
10 would also ensure a stable future for professional tournaments  
11 of FLW Outdoors, Bassmaster, and other tournaments, which  
12 currently contribute greatly to the tourism industry in this  
13 state; now therefore,

14           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby request, by copy of  
16 this resolution, the Alabama High School Athletic Association  
17 to consider authorizing high school sport fishing as a  
18 recognized school sport in Alabama schools.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 14-JAN-10.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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Senate

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