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3 By Senator Scofield
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8 COMMENDING THE ARAB HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM ON
9 WINNING THE 2011 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

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11 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are
12 extended to the Arab High School Wrestling Team on the
13 outstanding achievement of winning the 2011 Alabama High
14 School Athletic Association Class 5A Wrestling Championship;
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16 WHEREAS, the victory was the first state
17 championship for a varsity, male team at Arab High School; and

18 WHEREAS, Arab's Knights had finished second in the
19 State Wrestling Championship three times, in 2010, 2008, and
20 2006, and came in third in 2007; and

21 WHEREAS, the 2011 State Wrestling Champions are:
22 Lane Morrow, B.J. Hayes, Will Stephenson, Colt Grace, Aaron
23 Pritchett, Javon Cortez, Matthew Morgan, Ehren Partain, Cass
24 Pierce, Chase Currier, Kai Rogers, Blake Suttles, Klay
25 Cranford, Cary Pierce, Levi Harper, and Justin Pendergrass,
26 Student Athletic Trainer; and

1 WHEREAS, expert training and leadership were
2 provided by Coach Michael Pruitt, who is in his 16th season at
3 AHS and took over as head coach of the wrestling program in
4 1995, and Coach Joe Stephenson, along with dedicated
5 assistance from volunteer coaches Scott Cleland and Raymond
6 Briscoe; and

7 WHEREAS, in addition to the team championship, two
8 Arab wrestlers won their weight classes, Blake Suttles
9 repeated as state champion at 171 pounds and Cary Pierce won
10 his first title at 215 pounds; four competitors took second
11 place, Lane Morrow at 103, Will Stephenson at 119, Chase
12 Currier at 152, and Levi Harper at heavyweight; there were
13 also three fourth-place finishers, B.J. Hayes at 112, Colt
14 Grace at 125, and Ehren Partain at 140; and

15 WHEREAS, individually and collectively, the Arab
16 High School Knights are deserving of recognition in the
17 sporting world and by all citizens of the State of Alabama for
18 their outstanding achievements; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That with great pride and
21 appreciation, we take pleasure in commending the Arab High
22 School Wrestling Team on winning the 2011 Alabama High School
23 Athletic Association Class 5A State Championship, and by copy
24 of this resolution for appropriate display, we extend
25 heartiest congratulations and best wishes for future success.