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3 By Representatives McCutcheon, Hall, Ball, Johnson (W),  
4 Sanderford, Patterson and Williams (P)  
5 RFD: Rules  
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8 RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAND TRUST OF  
9 NORTH ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, Land Trust of North Alabama is celebrating  
12 its 25th Anniversary, and it is appropriate at this time to  
13 highlight its history of achievement and to underscore the  
14 positive impact it has had on the citizens of the State of  
15 Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, Land Trust was incorporated in 1987 as  
17 Alabama's first land trust and has a service area which  
18 includes the 10 northernmost Alabama counties; and

19 WHEREAS, Land Trust currently preserves and  
20 maintains 6,113 acres including 10 miles of creek and river  
21 frontage; and

22 WHEREAS, property protected by Land Trust has helped  
23 create an "Emerald Necklace" around the City of Huntsville,  
24 including three urban nature preserves currently totaling  
25 2,920 acres. Each of the three nature preserves is larger than  
26 New York's Central Park and all are located within the  
27 Huntsville city limits; and

1                   WHEREAS, volunteers have created and maintain more  
2 than 40 miles of trails on the three large nature preserves.  
3 Open to the public from dawn to dusk, 52 trails provide  
4 opportunities for hiking, biking, running, bird watching,  
5 picnicking, education, or reflection.

6                   WHEREAS, the Land Trust mission is to preserve land  
7 and its legacies for conservation, public recreation, and  
8 environmental education to enhance quality of life in North  
9 Alabama now and for the future; now therefore,

10                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of outstanding  
12 achievement, highest commendation is herein extended to the  
13 management, employees, and volunteers of the Land Trust of  
14 North Alabama, and it is directed that a copy of this  
15 resolution be provided for appropriate display with sincere  
16 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.