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3 By Representatives Mask and Tuggle  
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8 URGING THE CITIZENS' STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE  
9 UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO RECOMMEND A STAMP  
10 COMMEMORATING THE 2014 BICENTENNIAL OF THE BATTLE OF HORSESHOE  
11 BEND AND THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF FORT JACKSON.

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13 WHEREAS, the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee is  
14 charged with recommending the issuance of stamps that portray  
15 the American experience to a world audience; the Committee's  
16 primary goal is to select subjects of broad national appeal,  
17 including commemoration of the anniversaries of events of  
18 historical significance, in multiples of 50 years; and

19 WHEREAS, on March 27, 1814, after hours of bloody  
20 fighting, United States forces and Indian allies under the  
21 command of General Andrew Jackson defeated the Red Stick Creek  
22 Indians at Horseshoe Bend, east of what is now Alexander City,  
23 Alabama; the resultant Treaty of Fort Jackson, signed on  
24 August 9, 1814, ended the Creek War; and

25 WHEREAS, part of the broader British strategy in the  
26 War of 1812, the Creek War was intended to set up a "neutral"  
27 state to stifle American expansion; Jackson's forces

1 effectively eliminated that threat to our fledgling nation;  
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3 WHEREAS, his victory in the Battle of Horseshoe  
4 Bend, along with his subsequent notoriety as a result of his  
5 later victory in the Battle of New Orleans, is widely regarded  
6 as having generated for General Jackson the popular affection  
7 necessary to ascend to the Presidency; and

8 WHEREAS, it is the sense of this body that the 2014  
9 bicentennial anniversary of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend and  
10 the signing of the Treaty of Fort Jackson specifically meets  
11 the criteria set by the Committee for commemoration; now  
12 therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge the Citizens' Stamp  
15 Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service to  
16 recommend a stamp commemorating the 2014 bicentennial  
17 anniversary of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend and the signing of  
18 the Treaty of Fort Jackson.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
20 resolution will be provided to each member of the Committee.