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3 By Representative Morrow
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 08-FEB-12

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING COACH GREG HAMILTON ON BEING NAMED THE
4 INAUGURAL WINNER OF THE ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC
5 ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD.
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7 WHEREAS, Vina baseball coach Greg Hamilton was
8 announced as the Alabama High School Athletic Association
9 Class 1A Making a Difference Award winner at the conclusion of
10 All-Star Sports Week in Montgomery on July 15, 2011; and

11 WHEREAS, the AHSAA established the Making a
12 Difference Awards to honor coaches in each AHSAA
13 classification, not for their wins or state championships, but
14 for the positive influence they have on their players,
15 students, and community; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Greg Hamilton was the Class 1A winner
17 in part because of his nomination letter from former player
18 Patrick McCarley, which exemplified the type of impact Coach
19 Hamilton had on his players; and

20 WHEREAS, McCarley, a 2004 graduate and pitcher on
21 the Red Devil Baseball Team, wrote of Coach Hamilton's
22 teachings about life and his personal influence on his life;
23 McCarley who is now an officer in the United States Marines
24 credits Coach Hamilton with teaching him about selflessness

1 and coachability which helped him to be a leader in the
2 Marines; and

3 WHEREAS, Coach Hamilton went so far as to drive
4 McCarley 10 hours to Indiana to a recruiting visit which
5 resulted in McCarley playing college baseball at Wabash
6 College; and

7 WHEREAS, Coach Hamilton in his own words was
8 "honored and humbled" to receive the award; he always strived
9 to teach his players after commencement to win in the game of
10 life; and

11 WHEREAS, McCarley came all the way from Virginia to
12 see his coach receive the award as his way of saying thanks to
13 a coach who helped shape his and many other players' lives;
14 now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we commend Coach Greg Hamilton
17 on receiving the Class 1A Alabama High School Athletic
18 Association's 2011 Making a Difference Award and direct that a
19 copy of this resolution be prepared for appropriate
20 presentation to Coach Hamilton.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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-FEB-12.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

16-FEB-12

Adopted