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8 COMMENDING THE ALABAMA BASS TRAIL FOR ITS
9 CONTRIBUTIONS TO ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and honor that we
12 recognize the Alabama Bass Trail for the contributions it is
13 making to tourism and the economy in Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, the Alabama Bass Trail is a cooperative
15 effort with the Governor's Office, the Alabama Tourism
16 Department, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural
17 Resources, and the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association;
18 the trail celebrated its one-year anniversary on March 8,
19 2013; and

20 WHEREAS, the trail features eleven of Alabama's
21 premier bass-fishing lakes and stretches from the Tennessee
22 River in North Alabama to the Mobile-Tensaw Delta in the south
23 providing public access to boat ramps and marinas and a
24 year-round destination for anglers from across the country;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, in addition to the state departments that
27 are involved, there is a wealth of cooperation from local

1 businesses and organizations and local governments along the
2 trail that also benefit from the trail's presence; by joining
3 the Alabama Bass Trail, smaller communities are represented to
4 the masses; and

5 WHEREAS, the beautiful waterways of the Alabama Bass
6 Trail assist in defining "Alabama The Beautiful" and invite
7 anglers to "Get Hooked" on the lakes and rivers along the
8 trail; and

9 WHEREAS, the fishing industry generates over eight
10 hundred million dollars in expenditures for Alabama and
11 supports almost 15,000 jobs, as well as bringing thousands of
12 tourists to Alabama each year; and

13 WHEREAS, the development and operation of the
14 Alabama Bass Trail significantly increases the visibility of
15 Alabama as a tourism state drawing competitors and
16 recreational anglers from within Alabama and nationally; the
17 trail generates tax revenue and encourages retail and
18 industrial development; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize the Alabama Bass
21 Trail for its significant economic, cultural, recreational,
22 and sports contributions to the State of Alabama and request
23 that a copy of this resolution be placed in significant stops
24 and centers along the trail as a token of our appreciation and
25 support for the Alabama Bass Trail.