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3 By Representative Ford
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8 COMMENDING STEVE STEWART ON BEING ENSHRINED IN THE
9 ALABAMA AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME.

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11 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are
12 herein proudly extended to Steve Stewart on being enshrined in
13 the Alabama Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame; and

14 WHEREAS, a native of Gadsden, he is one of eight new
15 members who were honored at the Alabama Amateur Softball
16 Association's Hall of Fame Class of 2014 Induction Banquet;
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18 WHEREAS, he has played slow pitch softball for 39
19 years not just in Gadsden but all over the country; his career
20 highlights include being an integral part of 14 District
21 Titles, 10 State Crowns, and five World or National
22 Championships; and

23 WHEREAS, now serving as an Assistant Coach with the
24 Gadsden City Boys Basketball Team, he played softball for East
25 Walnut Baptist in the ASA Major Church Division and was a
26 standout in both District 4 and All-American Sports Academy
27 State Tournaments; and

1 WHEREAS, he went on to help organize the Everlasting
2 Life/CIA Church Team, helping lead the team to six straight
3 State Championships and several World Championships; through
4 the years, he helped organize, manage, and fund many of the
5 teams on which he played; and

6 WHEREAS, among his recognitions, he has been chosen
7 as an ASA All-American four times, including in 2003 when he
8 was 46 years old; he was named Most Valuable Player of the
9 1987 State Church Tournament when he recorded 34 hits in 35
10 at-bats; and

11 WHEREAS, in addition to his athletic achievements,
12 he is admired for his sportsmanship, as exemplified by his
13 comments after being named to the Hall of Fame: "The most
14 rewarding things about all my years of playing are not the
15 games, titles, or awards. It's the relationships with
16 teammates, umpires, and opponents. That's what I will always
17 remember."; and

18 WHEREAS, Steve Stewart personifies the ideals of
19 team sports, and he is truly deserving of the significant
20 honor bestowed upon him; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Steve Stewart is hereby most
23 highly commended, and this resolution is presented to him with
24 heartiest congratulations on being enshrined in the Alabama
25 Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame, along with best
26 wishes for continuing success in future endeavors.