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3 By Senator Waggoner
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 20-FEB-14

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4 ENROLLED, SJR56,

5 COMMENDING NICHOLAS HILBURN FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE
6 AND ATHLETIC ABILITY IN APPREHENDING A FLEEING FELON.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that
9 Nicholas Hilburn is recognized for his exceptional valor in
10 using his athletic prowess to tackle and subdue a
11 purse-snatcher on the run at a shopping center in Birmingham,
12 Alabama; and

13 WHEREAS, an 18-year-old senior, Nicholas Hilburn is
14 a standout player as a free safety for the Vestavia Hills High
15 School football team; he was at The Summit when the robbery
16 occurred, on a shopping trip with his father, who also spotted
17 the fleeing suspect in the parking lot; and

18 WHEREAS, motivated by witnessing the crime in
19 progress and encouraged by an off-duty law enforcement
20 officer, Nicholas Hilburn made his move, without regard to the
21 danger to himself; and

22 WHEREAS, Nicholas Hilburn successfully tackled the
23 29-year-old purse-snatcher and demobilized him until the
24 arrest could be made; and

1 WHEREAS, the purse was returned to the 60-year-old
2 victim; and

3 WHEREAS, Nicholas Hilburn refused to accept the
4 accolades conveyed to him, insisting that it was merely a case
5 of being in the right place at the right time, but accuracy
6 demands at least one addition to that explanation: the right
7 person being in the right place at the right time; and

8 WHEREAS, in an era when an entire generation of
9 teenagers is subjected to critical scrutiny and emphasis on
10 youth athletics is continually questioned, the heroism and
11 capability of Nicholas Hilburn will long endure as the source
12 of justifiable pride to the people of the State of Alabama; he
13 is truly deserving of our highest commendation and heartfelt
14 gratitude; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Nicholas Hilburn is hereby
17 most highly honored for his selfless courage and extraordinary
18 adeptness in tackling a purse-snatcher in flight at The Summit
19 in Birmingham on February 17, 2014, and it is directed that a
20 copy of this resolution be provided to him as evidence of the
21 esteem in which he is held.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
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