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8 RECOGNIZING THE WORK AND RESULTS OF CAESAR LAWRENCE,
9 ALABAMA'S SCHOLASTIC CHESS COACH AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Caesar
12 Lawrence, a United States Chess Federation Certified
13 Scholastic Chess Coach and professional tournament director,
14 is recognized for his work, results, and inspiration to
15 children to learn and play chess; and

16 WHEREAS, since June 2006, Mr. Lawrence, through his
17 programs developed at Caesar Chess, LLC, has been teaching
18 children how to play chess, have fun, and test their skills in
19 tournaments; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Lawrence plans, organizes, and directs
21 chess tournaments for adult and scholastic players K-12; he
22 also serves as After School Enrichment Coach for Birmingham
23 and Montgomery Schools, conducts Summer Chess Camps, and
24 travels throughout Alabama tirelessly promoting and
25 publicizing chess; and

1 WHEREAS, the venerable game of chess, which leads to
2 a lifetime of fascination and enjoyment, has provided pleasure
3 for millions of chess players the world over; and

4 WHEREAS, chess is a challenging game that
5 contributes to enhancing the reasoning process, strengthens
6 cognitive skills, and improves the mental acuity of young
7 participants; and

8 WHEREAS, now well established in Alabama's public
9 and private schools, chess can improve a child's ability to
10 concentrate, boost his or her self esteem, build lasting
11 friendships, and lead to improved performance in the
12 classroom; and

13 WHEREAS, encouraging hundreds of children to take up
14 the game of chess, Caesar Lawrence, with his unique chess
15 teaching programs, is providing many talented Alabama children
16 with the knowledge and skills to become better students as
17 well as better chess players, and he has worked diligently to
18 increase public awareness about the value of chess in the
19 school systems; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Caesar Lawrence is hereby most
22 highly honored and commended for his exemplary work as
23 Alabama's Scholastic Chess Coach and Tournament Director, and
24 it is directed that a copy of this resolution be provided to
25 him in admiration and appreciation, along with best wishes for
26 continuing success in his worthy endeavors.