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3 By Representative Tuggle
4 RFD: Rules
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8 DESIGNATING THE TALLAPOOSA COUNTY CANOE TRAIL AS THE
9 HAROLD BANKS CANOE TRAIL.

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11 WHEREAS, a resident of Dadeville, Alabama, Harold
12 Banks is well known as an historian, forester, storyteller,
13 explorer, and best known for his red canoe and infinite
14 knowledge and expertise regarding the Tallapoosa River; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2009, Mr. Banks became the first person
16 to solo paddle the entire 258 miles of the Tallapoosa River
17 from its origins in Paulding County, Georgia, to Fort Toulouse
18 near Wetumpka, Alabama, and was instrumental in officially
19 having the Tallapoosa River named to the Alabama Scenic River
20 Trail in 2014; and

21 WHEREAS, beginning in 2013, Harold Banks led the
22 canoe trail committee on many floats along the Tallapoosa
23 River, sharing his knowledge of the many scenic and historic
24 points of interest and the best routes for safe passage, and
25 was invaluable in the creation of the original canoe trail and
26 the development of an informational map and brochure for trail
27 visitors; and

1 WHEREAS, in addition to his work on developing the
2 Tallapoosa County Canoe Trail, Harold continues to devote his
3 time and talents to numerous other outdoor recreational
4 projects in Tallapoosa County, including the Smith Mountain
5 Tower Renovation project and the Cherokee Ridge Alpine Trail
6 Association; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is both fitting and proper
9 that the 25-mile stretch of the Tallapoosa River located in
10 Tallapoosa and Chambers Counties, formerly known as the
11 Tallapoosa County Canoe Trail, be renamed the Harold Banks
12 Canoe Trail, and we request the appropriate officials to place
13 and maintain signs or markers designating the trail.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
15 resolution be presented to Harold, and his wife Amy, as a
16 token of our esteem and respect.