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8 COMMENDING PAT SANDERS UPON BEING INDUCTED INTO THE  
9 HUNTSVILLE-MADISON COUNTY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2015.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in  
12 recognizing Pat Sanders of Huntsville, Alabama, upon his  
13 induction into the Huntsville-Madison County Athletic Hall of  
14 Fame Class of 2015; and

15 WHEREAS, the son of Columbus and Olivia Sanders, Pat  
16 Sanders acknowledges the support of his family and friends  
17 along his athletic journey; he is quick to name and thank  
18 special coaches and friends along the way who have shaped his  
19 athletic career; and

20 WHEREAS, graduating from Lee High School, Sanders  
21 was always active in baseball; he played for the Northwest  
22 Babe Ruth State Champions in 1989 and the American Legion  
23 State Champions in 1990; as a junior at Lee High School, he  
24 pitched his way to 57 strikeouts in 45 innings, an ERA of  
25 2.80, and batted .352 with five home runs; as a senior, he  
26 finished with a 6-2 record, 48 strikeouts in 44 innings,

1 improved his ERA to 1.72, and his batting average to .379 with  
2 10 home runs; he also was named first-team All City and  
3 Pitcher of the Year in Huntsville, won his team's Gold Glove  
4 Award, and was named MVP; and

5 WHEREAS, Sanders signed a baseball scholarship with  
6 Faulkner University in Montgomery where he played two seasons  
7 before transferring to Cumberland University in Lebanon,  
8 Tennessee; there, in 1993, he was named the team MVP and won  
9 the Offensive Production Award; playing first base, he was  
10 picked All-Conference, All-District, and NAIA All-American  
11 after batting .351 with 17 home runs and a school-record of 92  
12 runs batted in; and

13 WHEREAS, drafted by the Oakland A's, Sanders played  
14 in the A's minor league organization from 1993 to 1995 at  
15 Southern Oregon and Western Michigan; he returned to  
16 Huntsville where he was a graduate assistant at UAH in 1995  
17 and later served as an assistant coach at Lee for several  
18 years; and

19 WHEREAS, Pat Sanders is currently a Captain with the  
20 Huntsville Fire and Rescue Department where he has been  
21 employed for the past 16 years; he and his wife, Melinda, have  
22 been married for 14 years and have two sons, Jordyn and Will;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, exemplifying the qualities that sustain  
25 young athletes and inspire excellence in all sports, Pat

1 Sanders is deserving of this special recognition; now  
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That it is a privilege to commend  
5 the accomplished athlete Pat Sanders on his well-deserved  
6 induction into the Huntsville-Madison County Athletic Hall of  
7 Fame Class of 2015, and by copy of this resolution we convey  
8 our congratulations and our highest esteem, along with best  
9 wishes in all his continuing endeavors.