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3 By Senator Waggoner  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR77,

5 RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BALAGEE GOVINDAN  
6 FOR K-12 CHESS ACTIVITIES IN ALABAMA.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that  
9 Balagee Govindan, a resident of Hoover, Alabama, and a United  
10 States Chess Federation Certified Scholastic Chess Coach and  
11 tournament director, is recognized for his work, results, and  
12 inspiration to children to learn and play chess; and

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

16 WHEREAS, chess is a challenging game that  
17 contributes to enhancing the reasoning process, strengthens  
18 cognitive skills, and improves the mental acuity of young  
19 participants; and

20 WHEREAS, now well established in Alabama's public  
21 and private schools, chess can improve a child's ability to  
22 concentrate, boost his or her self esteem, build lasting  
23 friendships, and lead to improved performance in the  
24 classroom; and

1           WHEREAS, encouraging hundreds of children to take up  
2 the game of chess, Balagee Govindan, with his unique chess  
3 teaching programs, is providing many talented Alabama children  
4 with the knowledge and skills to become better students as  
5 well as better chess players, and he has worked diligently to  
6 increase public awareness about the educational value of chess  
7 in the school systems; now therefore,

8           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Balagee Govindan is hereby  
10 most highly honored and commended for his exemplary work as  
11 Alabama's 2015 Scholastic Chess Coach and Tournament Director,  
12 and it is directed that a copy of this resolution be provided  
13 to him in admiration and appreciation, along with best wishes  
14 for continuing success in his worthy endeavors.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 21-MAY-15

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

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
Adopted: 26-MAY-15

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