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3 By Senator Waggoner
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8 RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BALAGEE GOVINDAN
9 FOR K-12 CHESS ACTIVITIES IN ALABAMA.

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, now well established in Alabama's public
24 and private schools, chess can improve a child's ability to
25 concentrate, boost his or her self esteem, build lasting
26 friendships, and lead to improved performance in the
27 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.