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8 RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 24, 2016, LOVE YOUR STATE
9 PARKS DAY.

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11 WHEREAS, the great State of Alabama is home to 22
12 beautiful state parks encompassing approximately 48,000 acres
13 of land and water and ranging from the dazzling Gulf Coast
14 beaches to the breathtaking Appalachian Mountains; and

15 WHEREAS, state parks are essential in preserving
16 Alabama's most precious commodities and natural resources and
17 in maintaining ecological and topographical diversity for the
18 survival and well-being of the natural environment and all
19 life forms; and

20 WHEREAS, public knowledge of the state's natural
21 environment is further developed by the existence of state
22 parks, which promote vital education, awareness, and interest
23 in best stewardship and conservation practices; and

24 WHEREAS, tourists have ventured from across the
25 continent to witness some of the world's most remarkable
26 beauty contained in Alabama State Parks; and

1 WHEREAS, trails are an important aspect of Alabama
2 State Parks and foster healthy living and exercise through the
3 prospect of biking, hiking, horseback riding, birding,
4 walking, and running adventures; with 270 sites spanning from
5 the mountains to the Gulf, Alabama's Birding Trails provide
6 ample opportunity for nature enthusiasts to admire many of the
7 430 bird species documented in the state; and

8 WHEREAS, it is necessary and right for each and
9 every Alabamian to step up to the plate and into the role of
10 being excellent caretakers of Alabama's land, animals, and
11 natural resources; it is through the conscious efforts of all
12 Alabamians, that Alabama State Parks, along with our state's
13 incredible natural environment and resources, will continue to
14 exist and thrive; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize September
17 24, 2016, as Love Your State Parks Day, and we urge all
18 Alabamians to take advantage of any opportunity to enjoy the
19 abundant treasures and wonder contained in the essence of our
20 state parks and to seek education on becoming conscientious
21 stewards of the natural environment.