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3 By Representatives Faulkner and Carns  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 12-APR-16

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 RECOGNIZING EDGAR WELDEN FOR HIS OUTSTANDING  
4 ACHIEVEMENTS.

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6 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in  
7 recognizing Edgar Welden of Mountain Brook, Alabama, upon his  
8 selection as the 2016 Distinguished American Sportsman by the  
9 Alabama Sports Hall of Fame; he will be honored with the Class  
10 of 2016 inductees on May 21, 2016; and

11 WHEREAS, Edgar Welden grew up in Wetumpka, Alabama,  
12 playing football, basketball, and baseball; he is an avid  
13 recreational tennis player and, in 2003, played tennis in all  
14 67 counties in Alabama while promoting the Alabama Sports Hall  
15 of Fame; and

16 WHEREAS, a retired Birmingham businessman, Mr.  
17 Welden founded the Birmingham Athletic Partnership in 2002; he  
18 has served as chair of the Bryant-Jordan Scholarship Program  
19 and as co-chair of the committee that landed the 2021 World  
20 Games for Birmingham; he is also the chair of the Alabama  
21 Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors; and

22 WHEREAS, Welden has received countless honors  
23 including induction into the Alabama Academy of Honor in 2014;  
24 the Alabama Humanities Award in 2010, the University of  
25 Alabama's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2010, induction into

1 the AHSAA Hall of Fame in 2007, National Governors'  
2 Association Distinguished Service to State Government Award in  
3 1992, and was named by the Alabama Broadcasters Association as  
4 the Alabama Citizen of the Year in 1987; and

5 WHEREAS, exemplifying sportsmanship and leadership  
6 qualities that inspire excellence in sports, Edgar Welden is  
7 deserving of special recognition; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a privilege to commend  
10 Edgar Welden on his well-deserved selection as the 2016  
11 Distinguished American Sportsman by the Alabama Sports Hall of  
12 Fame and by copy of this resolution we convey our  
13 congratulations and our highest esteem, along with best wishes  
14 in all his continuing endeavors.

