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3 By Representatives Faulkner and Carns  
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8 RECOGNIZING EDGAR WELDEN FOR HIS OUTSTANDING  
9 ACHIEVEMENTS.

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

16 WHEREAS, Edgar Welden grew up in Wetumpka, Alabama,  
17 playing football, basketball, and baseball; he is an avid  
18 recreational tennis player and, in 2003, played tennis in all  
19 67 counties in Alabama while promoting the Alabama Sports Hall  
20 of Fame; and

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

1                   WHEREAS, Welden has received countless honors  
2 including induction into the Alabama Academy of Honor in 2014;  
3 the Alabama Humanities Award in 2010, the University of  
4 Alabama's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2010, induction into  
5 the AHSAA Hall of Fame in 2007, National Governors'  
6 Association Distinguished Service to State Government Award in  
7 1992, and was named by the Alabama Broadcasters Association as  
8 the Alabama Citizen of the Year in 1987; and

9                   WHEREAS, exemplifying sportsmanship and leadership  
10 qualities that inspire excellence in sports, Edgar Welden is  
11 deserving of special recognition; now therefore,

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