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3 By Representatives Lawrence, Beckman, Wadsworth, England,
4 Bracy, Garrett, Shiver, Patterson, Butler, Faulkner and Wingo
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8 COMMENDING O.J. HOWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC
9 ACHIEVEMENT AND REMARKABLE CITIZENSHIP.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to O.J. Howard, a dynamic tight
13 end for The University of Alabama Football Team, for
14 outstanding athletic achievement and remarkable citizenship;
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16 WHEREAS, as a junior during the 2015 season, O.J.
17 Howard earned the distinctions of being named one of the UA
18 coaching staff's offensive players of the game for his
19 performance against Wisconsin in the season opener and of
20 being named the Offensive MVP of Alabama's victory over
21 Clemson in the College Football Playoff National Championship
22 after recording five receptions for 208 yards and two
23 touchdowns; and

24 WHEREAS, O.J. Howard collected 33 catches on the
25 season for 394 yards for 11.9 yards per catch; nineteen of his
26 catches converted first downs for the Crimson Tide with six of
27 20 yards or more; and

1 WHEREAS, O.J. Howard is a native of Autaugaville who
2 altruistically gives back to his community through his
3 selfless desire to serve others and significant contributions
4 as a volunteer; and

5 WHEREAS, O.J. Howard has received honors for
6 academic excellence including SEC honor roll, Student Athlete
7 of the Week, Ozzie Newsome Award, Most Improved Freshman, and
8 selection as a John Mackey semi-finalist; and

9 WHEREAS, O.J. Howard is the son of Lamesa and Kareem
10 Howard and is a member of Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church;
11 he will graduate May 2016 with a degree in Journalism and
12 Broadcast Communication; he aspires to work for ESPN as a
13 Sports Broadcaster and is greatly inspired by Stuart Scott,
14 who was a well-known anchor and sportscaster with ESPN; and

15 WHEREAS, O.J. Howard's extraordinary record of
16 excellence reflects immense credit upon the entire State of
17 Alabama, and he is truly deserving of special recognition; now
18 therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That O.J. Howard is honored and
21 commended, and this resolution is offered to him in highest
22 tribute, along with sincere best wishes for continued success
23 in all future endeavors.