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8 SJR \_\_\_\_\_ RECOGNIZING LEWIS SMITH LAKE AS AN ALABAMA PREMIER  
9 LAKE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize  
12 Lewis Smith Lake for its importance as a major recreational  
13 resource and source of beauty in our great state; and

14 WHEREAS, Lewis Smith Lake provides numerous  
15 invaluable recreational, economic, and aquatic wildlife  
16 habitat benefits and is truly a "Premier Lake of Alabama"; and

17 WHEREAS, Lewis Smith Lake has the distinction of  
18 being the deepest reservoir in Alabama with a maximum depth of  
19 264 feet at Lewis Smith Dam and boasts approximately 642 miles  
20 of shoreline; and

21 WHEREAS, Lewis Smith Lake is renowned for its sport  
22 and recreational fishing and holds the state record for the  
23 largest Alabama spotted bass weighing in at 8 pounds and 15  
24 ounces and a lake record largemouth bass weighing in at 11  
25 pounds; the fishing activities of Lewis Smith Lake have  
26 propelled economic success for the surrounding counties and  
27 communities with an estimated 200,000 angler-hours of fishing

1 on the lake generating over \$3 million in angler expenditures;  
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3 WHEREAS, Lewis Smith Dam is one of the largest earth  
4 and rock-filled dams in the eastern United States with a  
5 maximum height of 300 feet and 2200 feet in length at the top;  
6 the spillway is the top rated spot in Alabama for rainbow  
7 trout fishing; and

8 WHEREAS, the Lewis Smith Lake watershed is teeming  
9 with rich natural resources including the 180,000-acre  
10 Bankhead National Forest, home of the Sipsey Wilderness Area  
11 with more than 380 miles of rivers and streams; and

12 WHEREAS, the remarkable water clarity of Lewis Smith  
13 Lake, along with its aesthetic value, make the lake a premier  
14 destination for vacation and residential living as well as  
15 water sports recreation; and

16 WHEREAS, the efforts of Alabamians to preserve this  
17 incredible natural resource have been widespread and  
18 extraordinary; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Lewis Smith Lake is hereby  
21 recognized as an Alabama Premier Lake, and we offer our  
22 deepest admiration and appreciation to all Alabamians who have  
23 dedicated themselves to the conservation of Lewis Smith Lake  
24 and have enjoyed its vast bounties.