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8 SJR _____ RECOGNIZING LEWIS SMITH LAKE AS AN ALABAMA PREMIER
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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;
2 and

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.