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| 8 | COMMENDING DAVID MARCONNET FOR CREATING BAMA TRACKER |
| 9 | TO TRACK COVID-19 STATISTICS. |
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| 11 | WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we |
| 12 | recognize and commend Harvest, Alabama, resident, David |
| 13 | Marconnet, for creating Bama Tracker, a platform that tracks |
| 14 | COVID-19 statistics; and |
| 15 | WHEREAS, Bama Tracker takes data released by the |
| 16 | Alabama Department of Public Health and repackages it in a way |
| 17 | that is easy to navigate and understand; the platform quickly |
| 18 | gained a large following on Twitter; citizens, elected |
| 19 | officials, and school systems are among Bama Tracker's |
| 20 | 10,000-plus followers; a subscription service is available for |
| 21 | followers to receive a daily email that contains the COVID-19 |
| 22 | statistics for that day; in January 2021, Marconnet launched |
| 23 | the third iteration of Bama Tracker with expanded data about |
| 24 | COVID-19 vaccine efforts; and |
| 25 | WHEREAS, when the Health Department first started |
| 26 | posting Alabama's COVID-19 data, Marconnet monitored the |
| 27 | website and used his experience in gaming to create the first |

stages of what would become Bama Tracker; eventually, Bama

Tracker became what it is today, and the overall response has

been positive; and

WHEREAS, due to the success of Bama Tracker,

Marconnet has been interviewed 16 times by media bureaus, was included among AL.com's Alabamians Who Made a Difference in 2020, and has been approached by people outside Alabama who want assistance in creating similar websites for their states; and

WHEREAS, along with managing Bama Tracker, Marconnet is the Chief Technology Officer of OneTeam.net; once the COVID-19 pandemic ends, he hopes to expand Bama Tracker to cover various topics, such as weather trends, politics, and college football; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we recognize and highly commend David Marconnet for creating Bama Tracker, and we hereby dedicate this resolution to him with warmest gratitude, admiration, and regard.