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HJR___ COMMENDING THE WINNERS OF THE GREAT ALABAMA 650 RACE.

WHEREAS, the Alabama Scenic River Trail was established in 2008 and designated by the United States Secretary of the Interior as a National Recreational Trail in 2009 and as a National Water Trail in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Scenic River Trail originally extended for 650 miles and was designated as the longest one-state river trail starting in North Alabama on the Coosa River's Weiss Lake and ending at Fort Morgan, Alabama, where Mobile Bay meets the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Alabama Scenic River Trail is comprised of more than 6,500 miles of accessible waterways and has partnered with over 70 canoe and kayak rental shops and outfitters to promote the great natural resources of the State of Alabama and contribute to the state's trail system economy; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Scenic River Trail has worked to develop a Mile Marker Program to establish Alabama's creeks, rivers, and lakes as the safest waterways to paddle and recreate on in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Great Alabama 650 was held for a fourth



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26 year in 2022, drawing international attention and excitement
27 for paddling opportunities in the Great State of Alabama;
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29 WHEREAS, winners in the race and their winning times
30 were: Overall and Male Solo Winner, Bobby Johnson, 6 days, 6
31 hours, 15 minutes; Female Solo, Salli O'Donnell, 6 days, 11
32 hours, 28 minutes; Two-Person Team, Trey Reaves and Jim
33 Lewey, 8 days, 1 hour, 57 minutes; and

34 WHEREAS, this body recognizes the skill, perseverance,
35 and mental and physical toughness of all participants; now
36 therefore,

37 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
38 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the division winners of the
39 Great Alabama 650 Race are highly commended for this
40 achievement and that a copy of this resolution shall be sent
41 to the Alabama Scenic River Trail office headquarters and to
42 each of the division winners.