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- 3 By Representatives Smith, Bedsole
- 4 RFD: RULES
- 5 First Read: 04-Apr-24

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1 Enrolled, An Act,

2 COMMENDING ALABAMA PRO ANGLER DUSTIN CONNELL ON HIS SIXTH BASS PRO TOUR WIN AND ON BEING NAMED THE FIRST-EVER 3 4 TWO-TIME WINNER OF THE BASS PRO SHOPS REDCREST COMPETITION. 5 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations 6 are herein proudly conveyed to Alabama's own Dustin Connell 7 8 for scoring his sixth Bass Pro Tour Win at REDCREST 2024 9 Powered by Optima Lithium on Lay Lake in Alabama, making him the first-ever two-time winner of the Bass Pro Shops 10 11 REDCREST competition, having claimed the title in 2021; this 12 championship win is his second of the 2024 season after 1.3 having won his fifth Bass Pro Shops Major League Fishing 14 Championship at Stage One on Toledo Bend earlier this year; 15 and WHEREAS, a native of Clanton, Alabama, Dustin Connell 16 developed a love and drive for fishing at a very young age; 17 18 he learned from his older brother, James, and followed him 19 to ponds and lakes to fish every chance he could; for hours at a time, he would fish for bass at Lay Lake; this 20 21 experience gave him the home lake advantage for his first place win on March 17, 2024; and 22 23 WHEREAS, after fishing for fun for many years, he

competed in his first bass tournament with his brother when
he was only 12 years old; they ended up in second place and
he won \$100; he later said, "The thrill of the hunt, the
competition, the paycheck - every part of that first event
got me hooked on tournament fishing"; and

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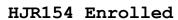
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29	WHEREAS, a Chilton County High School Class of 2008
30	graduate, Dustin Connell matriculated to The University of
31	Alabama and earned a Bachelor of Science in Marketing, a
32	degree program he chose to help him work with sponsors as a
33	pro angler, which was always his motivating goal; he
3 4	continued to fish every tournament he could as a high school
35	and college angler; but he had to work long, hard hours in
36	construction after college in order to be in a position to
37	pursue tournament fishing full-time; and
38	WHEREAS, his determination and efforts paid off, and
39	in 2017 he claimed an Elite Series win and was named
40	B.A.S.S. Rookie of the Year; in 2018, he earned an
41	invitation to join Major League Fishing (MLF) on the Bass
42	Pro Tour; and
43	WHEREAS, winning Stage Three of the 2022 Bass Pro
4 4	Tour pushed him to nearly \$1 million in career earnings, and
45	he followed it up with a win at Stage Six of the 2022 Bass
46	Pro Tour and a win at Stage One of the 2024 Bass Pro Tour;
47	this win made Dustin Connell one of the winningest anglers
48	in Bass Pro Tour history as only Jacob Wheeler and Ott DeFoe
49	had won three or more events on the Bass Pro Tour; he capped
50	off the 2022 season with his fourth Bass Pro Tour win at
51	Stage Seven at Mille Lacs Lake; and
52	WHEREAS, in 2024, Dustin Connell scored his fifth
53	Bass Pro Tour win at Stage One on Toledo Bend; this
54	remarkable achievement earned him the first-place prize of
55	\$100,000 at the MLF Bass Pro Tour B&W Trailer Hitches Stage
56	One at Toledo Bend, sponsored by Power-Pole; his



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8	10-man field, earning the win by a whopping 44-pound,
59	2-ounce margin over the second place winner; Connell's total
50	marked the biggest day for any angler during the event; and
51	WHEREAS, the occasion of Dustin Connell winning his
52	sixth Bass Pro Tour Major League Fishing Competition is an
53	accomplishment to be celebrated; this triumph won him the
54	first-place prize of \$300,000; his dedication, strong desire
55	for success, constant training, and tireless and diligent
56	efforts to achieve excellence serve as a valuable example to
57	aspiring athletes across the country and in his home State
8	of Alabama; now therefore,
59	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
0	HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we highly commend and
1	congratulate Dustin Connell for his outstanding victory at
2	the MLF Bass Pro Shops REDCREST 2024, clinching his sixth
3	win on the Bass Pro Tour and making him the first-ever
4	two-time winner of the REDCREST event, and we hereby
5	dedicate this resolution to him with utmost admiration,
6	along with sincere best wishes for continued success.





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94	I l	hereby certify that the within Act originated	in
95	and was p	assed by the House 09-Apr-24.	
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