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3 By Representative Shaver
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 18-Mar-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 COMMENDING THE WINNERS OF THE 2024 GREAT ALABAMA 650 RACE
4 AND THE ALABAMA SCENIC RIVER TRAIL'S EFFORTS IN STATE
5 PROMOTION.
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7 WHEREAS, the Alabama Scenic River Trail was
8 established in 2008 and subsequently designated as a
9 National Recreational Trail by the United States Secretary
10 of the Interior in 2009, and as a National Water Trail in
11 2012; and

12 WHEREAS, the Alabama Scenic River Trail initially
13 extended for 630 miles, then 650 miles, and has since
14 expanded the organization's oversight and advocacy efforts
15 to encompass more than 6,000 miles of Alabama's rivers,
16 lakes, streams, and creeks; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2024, the Alabama Scenic River Trail, as
18 the State of Alabama's official paddling resource, partnered
19 with more than 70 canoe and kayak rental shops and
20 outfitters and community organizations, to promote Alabama's
21 exceptional natural resources and contribute to the vitality
22 of the state's outdoor tourism economy; and

23 WHEREAS, the Alabama Scenic River Trail continues to
24 foster and expand opportunities for paddling and other
25 freshwater recreational experiences throughout Alabama,
26 including the execution of community-based programming and
27 the installation of safety signage with a goal of making
28 Alabama's waterways the safest and most enjoyable in the



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29 nation; and

30 WHEREAS, the Great Alabama 650 was successfully held
31 for the sixth consecutive year in 2024, drawing
32 international recognition, participation, and enthusiasm for
33 the unparalleled paddling experiences available in the State
34 of Alabama; and

35 WHEREAS, the winners of the 2024 Great Alabama 650
36 displayed exceptional endurance, determination, and skill,
37 with Overall and Male Solo Winner Trey Reaves of Florence,
38 Alabama, completing the race in 7 days, 3 hours, and 20
39 minutes; Female Solo Winner Ryan Gillikin of Bay Minette,
40 Alabama, completing the race in 8 days, 18 hours, and 37
41 minutes; and Tandem Team Winners Jessica Nance of Overland
42 Park, Kansas, and Candi Hill of Shawnee, Kansas, finishing
43 in 8 days, 22 hours, and 35 minutes; and

44 WHEREAS, this body recognizes the perseverance,
45 dedication, and extraordinary mental and physical fortitude
46 demonstrated by all participants and acknowledges the Great
47 Alabama 650 and the Alabama Scenic River Trail's significant
48 role in advancing and promoting freshwater recreation in the
49 State of Alabama; now therefore,

50 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
51 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the division winners of the
52 2024 Great Alabama 650 are hereby highly commended for their
53 remarkable achievements, and that copies of this resolution
54 be provided to the Alabama Scenic River Trail headquarters
55 and each of the division winners as a token of this body's
56 admiration and recognition.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 01-Apr-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

03-Apr-25

Adopted