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4 HJR___ COMMENDING THE WINNERS OF THE 2024 GREAT ALABAMA 650
5 RACE AND THE ALABAMA SCENIC RIVER TRAIL'S EFFORTS IN STATE
6 PROMOTION.
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8 WHEREAS, the Alabama Scenic River Trail was
9 established in 2008 and subsequently designated as a
10 National Recreational Trail by the United States Secretary
11 of the Interior in 2009, and as a National Water Trail in
12 2012; and

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

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

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



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29 Alabama's waterways the safest and most enjoyable in the
30 nation; and

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

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

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

51 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
52 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the division winners of the
53 2024 Great Alabama 650 are hereby highly commended for their
54 remarkable achievements, and that copies of this resolution
55 be provided to the Alabama Scenic River Trail headquarters



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56 and each of the division winners as a token of this body's
57 admiration and recognition.