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4 HJR_____ COMMENDING RETIRED STAFF SERGEANT WESLEY PORTER FOR
5 HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO SHAPING THE FUTURE OF YOUNG
6 INNOVATORS.

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8 WHEREAS, Retired Staff Sergeant Wesley Porter has
9 demonstrated exceptional leadership and mentorship as the
10 coach of the Alba Robotics Team 14180A, The Super Novas,
11 inspiring and guiding students to achieve excellence in
12 robotics and STEM education; and

13 WHEREAS, under the guidance of Coach Porter, The
14 Super Novas, consisting of talented students Colton
15 Murphree, Alex Howell, Harbor Parnell, Kaydence Porter, and
16 Zoe Collier, earned a prestigious invitation to the 2025
17 U.S. Open Robotics Tournament in Council Bluffs, Iowa,
18 competing among 85 teams from 17 countries and 40 states;
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20 WHEREAS, The Super Novas secured an impressive
21 fourth-place finish, showcasing their technical expertise,
22 problem-solving abilities, and teamwork, a testament to
23 Coach Porter's dedication to fostering innovation and
24 excellence among his students; and

25 WHEREAS, Coach Porter was honored as Mentor of the
26 Year at the 2025 U.S. Open Robotics Tournament, a remarkable
27 achievement reflecting his commitment to empowering young
28 minds and cultivating a culture of success in robotics; and



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WHEREAS, Coach Porter was also recognized as Teacher of the Year at the Alabama State Robotics Championship through SCORE (Southeastern Center for Robotics Education), alongside Lissa Cramer, demonstrating his far-reaching impact on STEM education within the state; and

WHEREAS, his mentorship has led The Super Novas to a stellar season, earning numerous accolades, including the St. Martin's Jackets Teamwork Champion Award, MCPSS LOTC Excellence Award, MCPSS LOTC Teamwork Champion Award, Battle in the Bayou Innovate Award, MCPSS Robotics Challenge Teamwork Champion Award, MCPSS Robotics Challenge Robot Skills Champion, MCPSS Robotics Challenge Innovate Award, 2025 Alabama State Invitational Invitation, and 2025 U.S. Open Robotics Tournament Invitation; and

WHEREAS, Coach Porter's efforts have significantly contributed to advancing STEM education in Alabama, inspiring students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and fostering the next generation of innovators; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Retired Staff Sergeant Wesley Porter is highly commended for his extraordinary contributions to robotics education, his unwavering commitment to student success, and his profound influence on STEM excellence.