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4 HR_____ RECOGNIZING XAVIER MERCHANT FOR WINNING THE FIRST
5 ESPORTS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR PELHAM HIGH SCHOOL.
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7 WHEREAS, Xavier Merchant, an outstanding competitor
8 from Pelham High School, made history by securing Pelham's
9 first-ever esports state championship in Madden NFL 25
10 through his remarkable skill, perseverance, and competitive
11 excellence; and

12 WHEREAS, competing against defending state champion
13 Corey Robinson of Bob Jones High School, Merchant rose to
14 the challenge in a best-of-three series, winning game one
15 20-10 and edging out a 27-24 victory in game two to sweep
16 the series and claim the state title; and

17 WHEREAS, Merchant's dedication to excellence and the
18 coaching leadership of Spencer Stone, who guided Pelham to
19 its first esports championship, reflect the growing impact
20 of esports programs across Alabama; and

21 WHEREAS, this achievement marks the beginning of a
22 new era for the Pelham Panthers Esports Team, paving the way
23 for future successes and strengthening the school's
24 reputation in competitive gaming; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Xavier Merchant is highly
27 commended for his remarkable victory and delivering the
28 Pelham Panthers their first esports state title.