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2 QNAUE15-2
3 By Representative Shaver
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 29-Jan-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 COMMENDING THE ALABAMA SCENIC RIVER TRAIL AND WINNERS OF THE
4 2025 GREAT ALABAMA 650 RACE.

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6 WHEREAS, the Alabama Scenic River Trail (ASRT) was
7 established in 2008 and subsequently designated as a
8 National Recreational Trail by the United States Secretary
9 of the Interior in 2009 and as a National Water Trail in
10 2012; and

11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Scenic River Trail initially
12 extended for 631 miles and has since expanded to encompass
13 more than 6,300 miles of Alabama's rivers, lakes, streams,
14 and creeks; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2025, the Alabama Scenic River Trail, as
16 the State of Alabama's official paddling resource, partnered
17 with more than 70 canoe and kayak rental shops, outfitters,
18 and community organizations to promote Alabama's exceptional
19 natural resources and contribute to the vitality of the
20 state's outdoor tourism economy; and

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

28 WHEREAS, the Great Alabama 650, which is the longest



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29 solo paddle race in the country, was successfully held for
30 the seventh consecutive year in 2025, drawing international
31 recognition, participation, and enthusiasm for the
32 unparalleled paddling experiences available in the State of
33 Alabama; and

34 WHEREAS, the winners of the 2025 Great Alabama 650
35 displayed exceptional endurance, determination, and skill:
36 the Overall and Male Solo Winner Trey Reaves of Florence,
37 Alabama, completed the race in 7 days, 3 hours, and 20
38 minutes; the Female Solo Winner Ryan Gillikin of Bay
39 Minette, Alabama, completed the race in 8 days, 18 hours,
40 and 37 minutes; and Tandem Team Winners Jessica Nance of
41 Overland Park, Kansas, and Candi Hill of Shawnee, Kansas,
42 finished in 8 days, 22 hours, and 35 minutes; and

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

49 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
50 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the division winners of the
51 2025 Great Alabama 650 are hereby highly commended for their
52 remarkable achievements, and that copies of this resolution
53 be provided to the Alabama Scenic River Trail headquarters
54 and each of the division winners as a token of this body's
55 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 05-Feb-26.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

10-Feb-26

Adopted