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

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7 WHEREAS, the Alabama Scenic River Trail (ASRT) 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 631 miles and has since expanded to encompass
14 more than 6,300 miles of Alabama's rivers, lakes, streams,
15 and creeks; and

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

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

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29 WHEREAS, the Great Alabama 650, which is the longest
30 solo paddle race in the country, was successfully held for
31 the seventh consecutive year in 2025, drawing international
32 recognition, participation, and enthusiasm for the
33 unparalleled paddling experiences available in the State of
34 Alabama; and

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