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6 RFD: Rules

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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 RECOGNIZING THE 43RD ALABAMA STATE GAMES OPENING CEREMONY AS  
4 IT HONORS THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
5 AND HONORS ALABAMA HEROES AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with the highest commendation and  
8 esteem that the Alabama Legislature recognizes the 43rd  
9 Alabama State Games Opening Ceremony as an America 250  
10 Alabama-certified event; and

11 WHEREAS, the Alabama State Games, originally known as  
12 the Alabama Sports Festival (ASF), operating as a 501(c)(3)  
13 nonprofit organization, was established at the request of  
14 the United States Olympic Committee and incorporated in  
15 1982; it is a member of the National Congress of State Games  
16 and the second-oldest State Games program in the United  
17 States; and

18 WHEREAS, the Alabama State Games touches the lives of  
19 thousands of Alabamians each year by creating an  
20 Olympic-style experience, encouraging academic achievement  
21 by awarding, to date, 660 academic scholarships totaling  
22 \$466,000 to participating athletes, and hosting additional  
23 programs to encourage academics, healthy lifestyles, and  
24 good citizenship; and

25 WHEREAS, 2026 is the Semiquincentennial Anniversary  
26 of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a  
27 revolutionary statement of sovereignty for the 13 American  
28 colonies from the rule of England, which launched the United



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29 States as a new nation; and

30 WHEREAS, Alabama was admitted to the Union as the  
31 22nd state on December 14, 1819; and

32 WHEREAS, the ASF Foundation, in keeping with the  
33 teaching of positive values to the youth of Alabama, has  
34 chosen the Opening Ceremony of the 43rd Alabama State Games,  
35 to be held on Friday, June 12, 2026, inside Legacy Arena at  
36 the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Center, as the platform  
37 to honor the 250th birthday of the United States of America  
38 with a patriotic ceremony directed by the staff of Troy  
39 University's John M. Long School of Music, featuring  
40 performances by musical artists Deborah Allen, Savanna Kirby  
41 and POPulus, Troy University's prestigious music ensemble,  
42 and televised statewide on Gray Media-owned television  
43 stations; and

44 WHEREAS, the ASF Foundation was created in 2001  
45 following the tragic September 11th attacks on New York and  
46 Washington, D.C., and its program, *Honoring Our Heroes*,  
47 recognizes individuals in our communities who sacrifice to  
48 keep our neighborhoods safe and healthy; and

49 WHEREAS, because we are celebrating 250 years of  
50 America and the peace, freedoms, and prosperity it has  
51 offered, the Alabama State Games finds it fitting and proper  
52 to recognize, with a commemorative medal, the immense  
53 historical significance and continued contributions  
54 individuals have made and continue to make to the security  
55 and prosperity of the State of Alabama and the nation as a  
56 whole; and



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57           WHEREAS, on June 12, 2026, the ASF Foundation will  
58   add to the *Honoring Our Heroes* legacy by celebrating those  
59   Alabamians and their families who have positively  
60   contributed to the United States, including Native Americans  
61   and descendants of Native Americans; active-duty and retired  
62   military members and their descendants; descendants of  
63   individuals who have served in any military capacity since  
64   the American Revolutionary War; and descendants of  
65   individuals who have contributed to the socio-economic  
66   welfare of Alabama culturally and historically since its  
67   founding, including contributions in science, music,  
68   literature, civic service, business, finance, and sports;  
69   now therefore,

70           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
71   HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on behalf of the State of  
72   Alabama and the citizens thereof, we hereby recognize the  
73   efforts of the Alabama State Games and join together in  
74   united support in celebrating the 250th Birthday of the  
75   United States of America and in honoring all those who have  
76   directly or indirectly contributed to this great nation  
77   throughout its 250 years.

78           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature of  
79   Alabama encourages city and county governments, Alabama  
80   veterans' and military organizations, individuals,  
81   companies, corporations, and community organizations to join  
82   with the Alabama State Games and the State of Alabama in  
83   honoring and giving special tribute to America's 250th



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84 birthday celebration and to all contributors in a manner  
85 that will be remembered for a lifetime.

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
87 resolution be distributed to the ASF Foundation, Home of the  
88 Alabama State Games.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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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 12-Feb-26.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

Senate

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**19-Feb-26**

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