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HR_____ COMMENDING BURKE RAMAGOSA ON WINNING THE 2026
NATIONAL CHESS TITLE.

WHEREAS, the members of the Senate are pleased to congratulate Burke Ramagosa on winning the 2026 U.S. Chess Federation K-12 High School Chess Scholastic Nationals Tournament in Chicago, Illinois, held from March 27-29; Burke competed alongside more than 1,500 players from 35 states; and

WHEREAS, the event is played over three days, with three rounds on Friday, three rounds on Saturday, and a final round on Sunday; there are seven divisions of play, based on player rating; and

WHEREAS, the Bayside Chess Team has a rich history of competing in the U.S. Chess Federation's Scholastic Nationals tournaments and winning consistently with numerous Top 10 finishes for their teams in multiple divisions of play, highlighted by a Team U1200 National Championship in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the team is coached by Paul Nager, who has tirelessly dedicated his time and talent to coaching Bayside's Chess Team to national championship success; and

WHEREAS, this year, sophomore Burke Ramagosa played in the Under 800-rated, or U800 Division; there were 230 players in the division; and



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29 WHEREAS, Burke scored an amazing seven consecutive
30 wins, with no losses, to secure the U800 Individual National
31 Championship; he defeated players from Illinois, Ohio,
32 Wisconsin, New York, Florida, and two from Kentucky; in the
33 process, Burke gained an astounding 366 rating points; and

34 WHEREAS, with this national title, Burke has secured
35 a significant place in Bayside chess history, having
36 achieved one of the most notable accomplishments in the
37 26-year history of the program; and

38 WHEREAS, in addition to Burke Ramagosa's
39 championship, every Bayside player finished with a winning
40 record; as a team, they tallied an excellent score of 19
41 wins, eight losses, and one draw, gaining an impressive
42 total of 629 rating points; now therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
44 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Burke Ramagosa is highly
45 commended for winning the U.S. Chess Federation K-12 High
46 School Chess Scholastic Nationals Tournament, and this
47 resolution is dedicated to him with the highest admiration
48 and best wishes for continued success in all future
49 endeavors.