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3 By Senators Chambliss, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley,  
4 Bell, Butler, Carnley, Chesteen, Coleman, Coleman-Madison,  
5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Hovey, Jones,  
6 Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts,  
7 Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart, Stutts,  
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Williams, Woods

9 RFD: Rules

10 First Read: 12-Feb-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR\_\_\_\_\_ CONGRATULATING THE STANHOPE ELMORE BOYS BOWLING TEAM  
5 FOR WINNING THE CLASS 6A/7A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

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7 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure,  
8 highest commendations are herein conveyed to the Stanhope  
9 Elmore Boys Bowling Team on the occasion of capturing the  
10 2026 Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA)  
11 Division 6A/7A Boys Bowling Championship; and

12 WHEREAS, the championship was held on January 30,  
13 2026, at Bowlero Bowling Center in Mobile, Alabama, where  
14 the Mustangs toppled an impressive 1,559 pins to earn the  
15 Division 6A/7A Blue Map; and

16 WHEREAS, this victory marks an historic achievement,  
17 as the Mustangs became the first boys bowling team to win  
18 the AHSAA State Championship in the history of the boys'  
19 program, cementing their place in local sports history; and

20 WHEREAS, Stanhope Elmore High School has been a  
21 strong contender in high school bowling since the program  
22 was reinstated during the 2015-2016 school year, and after  
23 years of exceptional talent and perseverance, securing the  
24 State Championship title represents a victory for every  
25 previous team member over the past decade; and

26 WHEREAS, the Mustangs secured the title by defeating  
27 the Hoover Buccaneers in a dramatic comeback during the  
28 final game of a double-elimination tournament; after



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29 trailing by a 50-pin deficit late in the competition, the  
30 Mustangs rallied to win by a 28-pin margin; and

31 WHEREAS, remarkably, the team achieved this  
32 championship with a small roster of only six bowlers,  
33 leaving virtually no opportunity for substitutions  
34 throughout the tournament; and

35 WHEREAS, on a team filled with champion bowlers,  
36 several athletes were recognized for their exceptional  
37 performances: Seth Wilson was named by the AHSAA as the No.  
38 1 bowler at the tournament, and Drake Abbott was named the  
39 No. 7 bowler; additionally, Seth Wilson and Ryan Best were  
40 selected by the Alabama High School Bowling Coaches  
41 Association to the First Team All-State and the 6A/7A State  
42 Team; and

43 WHEREAS, under the expert leadership of AHSAA Coach  
44 of the Year Head Coach Kenny Wilson, who inspired his  
45 players by reminding them throughout the tournament that  
46 "skill beats luck every time," and Assistant Coach Bridget  
47 Wilson, the Stanhope Elmore team demonstrated unwavering  
48 commitment after years of contention, ultimately claiming  
49 the championship they worked tirelessly to achieve; and

50 WHEREAS, the team's remarkable season was made  
51 possible due to the talent and dedication of its  
52 student-athletes: Ryan Best, Dequan Brown, David Henriquez,  
53 Seth Wilson, Drake Abbott, and Alex Gilbert; and

54 WHEREAS, the achievements of the Stanhope Elmore High  
55 School Boys Bowling Team reflect not only the talent and  
56 commitment of the athletes and coaches, but also the strong



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57 support of their families, school, and community; now  
58 therefore,

59 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
60 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Stanhope Elmore High  
61 School Boys Bowling Team is hereby honored and commended for  
62 winning the 2026 AHSAA Class 6A/7A State Championship, and  
63 this resolution is offered in highest tribute to the team  
64 and coaches, with heartiest congratulations and best wishes  
65 for the future.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

SJR44  
Senate 12-Feb-26  
I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and  
passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
Passed: 19-Feb-26

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By: Senator Chambliss