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3 By Senators Roberts, Smitherman, Gudger, Sessions, Orr,
4 Shelnutt, Williams, Chesteen, Jones, Figures, Beasley, Melson,
5 Burkette, Price, Whatley, Chambliss, Livingston, Butler,
6 Stutts, Allen, Elliott, McClendon, Marsh, Singleton, Reed,
7 Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Coleman-Madison, Albritton,
8 Barfoot, Dunn, Givhan, Holley and Ward
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 02-MAY-19

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4 ENROLLED, SJR55,

5 COMMENDING SENATOR JAMES THOMAS "JABO" WAGGONER ON
6 BEING THE 2019 DISTINGUISHED ALABAMA SPORTSMAN.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with immense pride and pleasure that
9 we recognize Senator James Thomas "Jabo" Waggoner on being
10 selected as the 2019 Distinguished Alabama Sportsman at the
11 Alabama Sports Hall of Fame 51st annual induction banquet and
12 ceremony; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Waggoner was a member of the
14 Alabama Sports Hall of Fame when it was created in 1967; he
15 has been on the board since 1993; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Waggoner, who lives in Vestavia
17 Hills, has served in the state Legislature for nearly five
18 decades; his political career began in the Alabama House of
19 Representatives, where he served for 17 years from 1966-1983
20 before his first term in the Senate in 1990; and

21 WHEREAS, since 1990, he has represented the 16th
22 District in the Alabama Senate; he was named Minority Leader
23 in 1999 and elected to the position of Majority Leader in
24 2010; he has the longest record of service of any legislator
25 in the history of Alabama; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Waggoner is a member of the
2 Birmingham Monday Morning Quarterback Club and is a founding
3 member and past president of the Birmingham Tip-Off Club;
4 additionally, he served on the Executive Committee of the
5 Birmingham Business Alliance, the Faulkner University Board of
6 Trustees, and the board of the Greater Birmingham Convention
7 and Visitors Bureau; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Waggoner attended Auburn University
9 for two years before transferring to Birmingham-Southern
10 College , where he lettered in basketball his junior and
11 senior seasons from 1958-1960; he helped the Panthers post a
12 14-1 record in his first season and earned All-Tournament
13 honors for his performance in the Dixie Invitational hosted by
14 Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee; after graduating from
15 Birmingham-Southern in 1960, Senator Waggoner attended
16 Birmingham School of Law and earned his Juris Doctorate Degree
17 in 1964; he was inducted into the Birmingham-Southern College
18 Sports Hall of Fame and was recognized as a
19 Birmingham-Southern Distinguished Alumni in 2013; now
20 therefore;

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition and gratitude
23 for outstanding contributions to athletics, and upon his being
24 selected as the 2019 Distinguished Alabama Sportsman, we
25 hereby most highly honor Senator James Thomas "Jabo" Waggoner

1 to whom a copy of this resolution shall be provided with
2 respect and esteem.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 08-MAY-19

By: Senator Roberts