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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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8 COMMENDING SENATOR JAMES THOMAS "JABO" WAGGONER ON
9 BEING THE 2019 DISTINGUISHED ALABAMA SPORTSMAN.

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, since 1990, he has represented the 16th
25 District in the Alabama Senate; he was named Minority Leader
26 in 1999 and elected to the position of Majority Leader in

1 2010; he has the longest record of service of any legislator
2 in the history of Alabama; and

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

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

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition and gratitude
25 for outstanding contributions to athletics, and upon his being
26 selected as the 2019 Distinguished Alabama Sportsman, we
27 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.