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3 By Representatives Stadthagen, Mooney, Holmes, Fincher,
4 Marques, Isbell, Lipscomb, Lee, Drake, Reynolds, Standridge,
5 Crawford, Sorrells, Ledbetter, Ingram, Gaston, Garrett, Greer,
6 Collins, Shedd, Bedsole, Farley, Robertson, Wood (D), Shaver,
7 Wilcox, Hanes, Robbins, Whorton, Pettus, Wadsworth, Kiel,
8 Moore (P), Estes, Sullivan, South, Treadaway, Wood (R),
9 Sorrell, Sanderford, Hurst, Oliver, Paschal, Easterbrook,
10 Pringle, Baker, Clouse, Blackshear, Lovvorn, Carns, Meadows,
11 Simpson, Kitchens, Shiver, Stringer, Brown (C), McCutcheon,
12 Hill, Allen and Wingo
13 RFD:
14 First Read: 29-MAR-22

COMMENDING OLYMPIC SILVER MEDALIST EMMA WEYANT AS
THE TRUE WINNER OF THE 2022 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION 500-YARD FREESTYLE CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
presented to Olympic Silver Medalist Emma Weyant, who has been
declared by Florida's Republican Governor Ron DeSantis as the
true winner of the 2022 National Collegiate Athletic
Association (NCAA) 500-Yard Freestyle Championship, despite
being beaten by transgender swimmer Lia Thomas; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2022, Weyant came in second
place during the NCAA 500-Yard Freestyle Championship at
Georgia Tech's McAuley Aquatic Center, while Thomas came in
first place; Weyant earned a time of 4:34.99 to Thomas' time
of 4:33.24; Florida's Republican Governor Ron DeSantis has
since proclaimed Weyant as the true winner, stating, "She
earned that. We need to honor that appropriately. The NCAA is
basically taking efforts to destroy women's athletics. They're
trying to undermine the integrity of the competition. They're
crowning somebody else the women's champion, and we think

1 that's wrong. We thought it was very important that girls and
2 young women athletes in the State of Florida had the ability
3 to work hard, to realize their dreams, and to compete fairly.
4 Whether it's in swimming, it's in track and field, you name
5 it"; Florida is one of a handful of states that has passed
6 laws meant to protect women's sports and barring men who
7 identify as women from competing against natural-born females;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, a talented young woman and a committed hard
10 worker, Emma Weyant continues to inspire many in her community
11 and beyond; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Olympic Silver Medalist Emma
14 Weyant is highly commended for being declared as the true
15 winner of the 2022 National Collegiate Athletic Association
16 500-Yard Freestyle Championship over transgender swimmer Lia
17 Thomas, and we hereby dedicate this resolution to Weyant with
18 warmest admiration, along with sincere best wishes for
19 continued success in all future endeavors.