

**SJR9 ENROLLED**



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2 By Senator Albritton  
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4 First Read: 21-Mar-23  
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR\_\_\_ RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA RIVER AS AN ALABAMA STATE  
5 LANDMARK ON RIVERS OF ALABAMA DAY ON APRIL 11, 2023.

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7 WHEREAS, Alabama is blessed with more than 132,000  
8 miles of rivers and streams and is well-known for its  
9 high-quality waters, which are the most biologically diverse  
10 freshwaters in the entire United States, with 20 fish  
11 species found nowhere else in the world; and

12 WHEREAS, the Alabama River, flowing through Elmore,  
13 Autauga, Montgomery, Lowndes, Dallas, Wilcox, Monroe,  
14 Baldwin and Clarke Counties, contributes to over 300 miles  
15 in Alabama's river system; the Alabama River flows  
16 exclusively in the East Gulf Coastal Plain Section and  
17 touches six districts including the Fall Line Hills,  
18 Black Belt, Chunnenugee Hills, Southern Red Hills, Lime  
19 Hills, and the Southern Pine Hills; and

20 WHEREAS, the Alabama River is an iconic cornerstone of  
21 Alabama's natural heritage; the system hosts more species of  
22 fish, mussels, turtles, and birds than most states and  
23 countries; historically, striped bass migrations on the  
24 Alabama River indicated the beginning of the yearly fishing  
25 season; large numbers of Alabama shad spawned in the river



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26 and were a host for freshwater mussel reproduction which in  
27 turn cleaned the waters of the state; mullet used the river  
28 as a place to feed and grow and communities held  
29 celebrations during their migrations; the Alabama River was  
30 prime spawning habitat for Gulf and Alabama sturgeon while  
31 American eels migrated up the river from their spawning  
32 grounds in the Sargasso Sea to mature in the river through  
33 their life stages and were also consumed by other important  
34 coastal and marine species; and

35 WHEREAS, the Alabama River has played an important role  
36 in the cultural history of the United States; ancestors from  
37 the Creek Nation, including the Poarch Creek Indians and the  
38 Alabama-Coushattas, lived along the banks of the Alabama  
39 River, using them for trade routes and for sources of food  
40 and water; it was one of the key rivers in the American  
41 Civil War, as Union Forces used it to transport troops and  
42 supplies, and Confederate Forces fought to deny access from  
43 Mobile Bay; in the 20th Century, the river was a major  
44 transportation route for the industrialization of the  
45 southern United States; and

46 WHEREAS, the Alabama River offers vast opportunities  
47 for water-related recreation; the Mobile Delta formed by the  
48 Alabama and Tombigbee Rivers is universally known for its  
49 hunting, fishing, canoeing, and birdwatching opportunities;  
50 Claiborne Lake encompasses over 60 miles of the Alabama



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51 River and offers excellent fishing for largemouth bass,  
52 crappie, bluegill, and catfish; the William "Bill" Dannelly  
53 Reservoir, located in Alabama's Blackbelt, hosts nearly  
54 three million visitors per year with its offerings of  
55 fishing, skiing, boating, and hunting, and Woodruff Lake  
56 offers such activities as fishing, boating, water-skiing,  
57 picnicking, camping, swimming, and hiking, and has an annual  
58 attendance of over two million visitors each year; now  
59 therefore,

60 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
61 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on April 11, 2023, Rivers of  
62 Alabama Day, the Alabama River is herein recognized as an  
63 Alabama State Landmark for its natural and cultural  
64 significance to the people of Alabama, the nation, and the  
65 world, and it is directed that a copy of this resolution be  
66 provided for appropriate display during this celebrated  
67 event.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 05-Apr-23

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

Passed: 12-Apr-23

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