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HR\_\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING THE HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS AND BOYS TRACK TEAMS ON THEIR 2024 ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CLASS 7A INDOOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WINS.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we honor those Alabama students who, through their athletic ability, have achieved the pinnacle of success and serve as exceptional champions of the great State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, one such group of estimable individuals is the Hoover High School girls and boys indoor track teams, which swept the 2024 Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 7A State Championships at the CrossPlex Athletic Facility in Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, true excellence in track demands individual strength, agility, and skill, as well as team effort and good sportsmanship; the Hoover teams exhibit all of these qualities and more; and

WHEREAS, using these talents and attributes, Head Coach Chris Schmidt and his assistants have coached the Hoover teams to win the state championship for the third straight year; the slate of exceptional Hoover athletes have benefited greatly from their knowledgeable leadership, encouragement, and devotion; and

WHEREAS, Hoover had six individual state champions in addition to four relay state champions; they also had an



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29 incredible 14 individual All-State podium medalists and an  
30 additional 6 relay team All-State podium medalists; and

31 WHEREAS, the Hoover boys amassed 133.5 points to grab  
32 the 7A crown for the 13th time in school history, stomping  
33 out their competition by 54.5 points; the state indoor title  
34 was the 11th for the Hoover girls program, and it was the  
35 seventh time the two teams have swept the indoor state  
36 championships in the same year; the other years were 2014,  
37 2015, 2018, 2020, 2022, and 2023; and

38 WHEREAS, the Hoover girls totaled 90 points in the  
39 girls competition, winning over second place by 31 points;  
40 their 4x400 relay team, comprised of Grier Jones, McKenzie  
41 Blackledge, Daisy Luna, and Taylor Canada, made history by  
42 winning the final event with a state record time of  
43 .3:53.64; the time is also a new CrossPlex record; and

44 WHEREAS, the competition was highlighted by a number  
45 of outstanding individual performances; on the girls team,  
46 sophomore Daisy Luna recorded a personal best of 55.81 in  
47 the 400-meter dash to take first place; Taylor Canada won  
48 the Class 7A 60-meter hurdles with a winning time of 7.67  
49 seconds; McKenzie Blackledge was awarded the female track  
50 MVP based on scoring 14 points in her individual events, and  
51 she also finished second in the 800-meter run at 2:15.53;  
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53 WHEREAS, on the boys team, senior Denver Cash  
54 finished with a second-place win and a new personal best of  
55 7.88; Collin Pate, the outstanding senior pole vaulter,  
56 cleared 16 feet, 2 inches in one of the most exciting events



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57 of the meet; Bradley Shaw, a senior football standout who  
58 was recently honored at the Mr. Football Award Luncheon as  
59 the Class 7A lineman of the year, won the 7A shot put title  
60 with a winning throw of 51-04; and senior Dallas Beck ran a  
61 personal best at 48.64 to win the Class 7A 400-meter dash;  
62 and

63 WHEREAS, the Hoover High School indoor track teams'  
64 noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for  
65 their families, their classmates, and their entire  
66 community; and

67 WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and  
68 applaud the team members for serving as exemplars of the  
69 high quality of youth representing the State of Alabama; now  
70 therefore,

71 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
72 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we congratulate the Hoover High  
73 School girls and boys track programs on winning the 2024  
74 AHSAA Class 7A State Championships and extend to them our  
75 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.