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8 RECOGNIZING THE MCGILL-TOOLEN BOYS AND GIRLS
9 BASKETBALL TEAMS FOR OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to the McGill-Toolen Boys and Girls Basketball Teams
13 for outstanding athletic achievement; and

14 WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Phillip Murphy, the
15 McGill-Toolen Boys Basketball Team earned a 25-7 record for
16 the season as a team that had experienced the loss of eight
17 seniors who had graduated the previous year; the McGill-Toolen
18 Yellow Jackets displayed fortitude and consistency during the
19 Class 7A Championship Game; the players demonstrated
20 perseverance and potential as they excelled despite not being
21 one of the obvious contenders at the beginning of the season;
22 the program won the Class 7A Championship in 2016; and

23 WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Carla Berry, the
24 McGill-Toolen Lady Yellow Jackets earned a 24-9 record for the
25 season as a young team with no seniors and only two juniors;
26 the Lady Yellow Jackets displayed tremendous resilience and
27 solid teamwork during the Class 7A Championship Game; their

1 potential shone when Freshman Nya Valentine scored 25 points
2 and they returned from a 14-point, first-half deficit to
3 triumph over Sparkman in the semifinal game; the program has
4 made appearances in three of the last four state title games;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the McGill-Toolen Boys and Girls Basketball
7 Teams are comprised of one-of-a-kind athletes whose
8 determination, effort, and devotion to the game inspire their
9 countless fans; the achievements of these remarkable
10 student-athletes reflect immense credit upon their school,
11 families, and community, and they are truly deserving of
12 special commendation and praise; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
14 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the McGill-Toolen Boys and
15 Girls Basketball Teams are honored and commended, and this
16 resolution is offered to Head Coaches Phillip Murphy and Carla
17 Berry and their athletes in highest tribute, as well as with
18 sincere best wishes for continued success in all future
19 endeavors.