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6 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 RECOGNIZING LEGENDARY COLLEGE BASKETBALL COACH
4 WINFREY SANDERSON FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.
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6 WHEREAS, highest commendations are proudly presented
7 to legendary college basketball coach Winfrey "Wimp" Sanderson
8 for outstanding achievement; and

9 WHEREAS, while serving as the illustrious Head Coach
10 of The University of Alabama Basketball Team, Winfrey
11 Sanderson became the only coach in the program's history to
12 win 200 or more games in his first 10 years, led his teams to
13 average 21.8 wins a year with a 267-119 record and win five
14 SEC tournaments and to make appearances in one NIT and 10 NCAA
15 tournaments and make the "Sweet 16" six times, earned the
16 distinction of Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year in
17 1987, 1989, and 1990 and National Coach of the Year in 1987;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Coach Sanderson was renowned for his dapper
20 sideline fashion as he could be seen sporting plaid sport
21 jackets, a tradition that sparked the Coleman Coliseum to be
22 dubbed the "Plaid Palace" and the Million Dollar Band members
23 as the "Plaid Players"; Coach Sanderson possessed an
24 extraordinary skill for recruiting top players; he became the
25 University of Arkansas at Little Rock Head Coach in 1994 and

1 led the Trojans to the National Invitational Tournament in
2 1996; among his accolades were selection as SEC Coach of the
3 Decade by the Lexington-Herald-Leader in the 1980s, induction
4 into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1990, and selection as
5 UNA Alumnus of the Year in 1990; and

6 WHEREAS, during his collegiate basketball career, he
7 played for Abilene Christian University for his freshman year
8 before transferring back to Florence State, where he earned
9 1,076 points and averaged 14.9 points over 72 games, served as
10 team captain, and scored 31 points during his best single-game
11 performance against Jacksonville State University in 1958; and

12 WHEREAS, through the years, Coach Sanderson has
13 earned widespread admiration and respect for his tireless
14 dedication and exceptional abilities and has positively
15 impacted the lives of countless athletes; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Coach Winfrey Sanderson is
18 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to him
19 in highest tribute, as well as with sincere best wishes for
20 continued success in all future endeavors.

