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3 By Representative Beech
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 06-MAR-18

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 RECOGNIZING COACH SIDNEY B. ATKINS UPON HIS MANY
4 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A COACH AND AN EDUCATOR.
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6 WHEREAS, Sidney B. (Sid) Atkins, the dear friend and
7 former coach of our esteemed colleague, Representative Elaine
8 Beech, was born in Columbus, Mississippi; he attended S. D.
9 Lee High School where he was a standout athlete in football,
10 basketball, baseball, and track; in football he played
11 fullback and safety and served as the team kicker and punter;
12 in basketball, he played forward; in baseball, he was the
13 catcher and one of the top batters on their state championship
14 teams; in track he was a dash runner; and

15 WHEREAS, upon graduation from high school, Sid
16 attended the University of Southern Mississippi on a football
17 scholarship, where he was quarterback and punter; he later
18 transferred to Livingston University (now UWA) where he
19 received his bachelor's degree in physical education and
20 history; he received his master's degree from the University
21 of North Alabama in educational administration in 1975; and

22 WHEREAS, Sid began his coaching career with his
23 brother, Roland, in Greenville, Alabama, in 1968; he moved to
24 Gurley, Alabama, where he became head coach and athletic
25 director at Madison County High School; he also held head

1 coaching/athletic director positions at Millry High School in
2 Millry, Alabama, and Phillips High School in Bear Creek,
3 Alabama; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1978, Sid and his family moved to
5 Marengo County where he became principal at Marengo County
6 High School in Thomaston; in 1980, he became principal at
7 Sweet Water High School; this was the year the community
8 rallied to save the school from closing; he remained principal
9 at Sweet Water High School until 1993 when he retired with 25
10 years of service in public education; and

11 WHEREAS, following his retirement from public
12 education, Sid accepted the job as headmaster and coach at
13 Demopolis Academy, a position he held for ten years; while at
14 Demopolis Academy, he coached football and baseball; his
15 football teams made the playoffs in their division three times
16 and his baseball teams won three state championships in 1995,
17 1997, and 1998, and compiled an impressive 63-18 record during
18 those years; Sid was recognized by the Tuscaloosa News as
19 Coach of the Year in baseball; and

20 WHEREAS, after retiring from Demopolis Academy, he
21 was contacted by Patrician Academy to teach history and coach
22 football and softball; his football teams made several playoff
23 appearances; he taught at Patrician Academy for ten years
24 before retiring "for good"; and

1 WHEREAS, Sid and his wife, Brenda, a retired English
2 teacher, have three children; their son, Ken, is the county
3 civil engineer for Marengo County; daughter, Sandy, is the
4 deputy athletic director for Troy University and a member of
5 both Troy University Sports Hall of Fame and the Marengo
6 County Sports Hall of Fame; son, Mike, is the athletic
7 director and head football coach at Houston County High School
8 in Columbia, Alabama; they have six grandchildren, Mason,
9 Sidney Alyn, Hayes, Evan, Gracie, and Sophia; they are
10 enjoying traveling and watching the grandchildren participate
11 in sports and other activities; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize and commend
14 Sidney B. (Sid) Atkins upon his many accomplishments as a
15 coach and an educator and we wish him continued success in all
16 future endeavors.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 13-MAR-18.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate 15-MAR-18 Adopted
