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5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston,  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR68,

5 RECOGNIZING LEGENDARY COLLEGE BASKETBALL COACH  
6 WINFREY SANDERSON FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.

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8 WHEREAS, highest commendations are proudly presented  
9 to legendary college basketball coach Winfrey "Wimp" Sanderson  
10 for outstanding achievement; and

11 WHEREAS, while serving as the illustrious Head Coach  
12 of The University of Alabama Basketball Team, Winfrey  
13 Sanderson became the only coach in the program's history to  
14 win 200 or more games in his first 10 years, led his teams to  
15 average 21.8 wins a year with a 267-119 record and win five  
16 SEC tournaments and to make appearances in one NIT and 10 NCAA  
17 tournaments and make the "Sweet 16" six times, earned the  
18 distinction of Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year in  
19 1987, 1989, and 1990 and National Coach of the Year in 1987;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Coach Sanderson was renowned for his dapper  
22 sideline fashion as he could be seen sporting plaid sport  
23 jackets, a tradition that sparked the Coleman Coliseum to be  
24 dubbed the "Plaid Palace" and the Million Dollar Band members  
25 as the "Plaid Players"; Coach Sanderson possessed an

1 extraordinary skill for recruiting top players; he became the  
2 University of Arkansas at Little Rock Head Coach in 1994 and  
3 led the Trojans to the National Invitational Tournament in  
4 1996; among his accolades were selection as SEC Coach of the  
5 Decade by the Lexington-Herald-Leader in the 1980s, induction  
6 into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1990, and selection as  
7 UNA Alumnus of the Year in 1990; and

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

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

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

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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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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Melson