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6 Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr,
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8 Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
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4 ENROLLED, SJR53,

5 COMMENDING THADDEUS FITZPATRICK FOR PROFESSIONAL
6 ACHIEVEMENTS.

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8 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we
9 commend Thaddeus Fitzpatrick for professional achievements;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Thaddeus Fitzpatrick was born on September
12 23rd, to Bessie and Stanford Fitzpatrick of Montgomery,
13 Alabama; he grew up at ground zero for the Civil Rights
14 Movement amid bombings, boycotts, and marches; and

15 WHEREAS, he graduated from St. Jude Catholic School
16 in 1974; upon graduating high school, he attended Alabama
17 Christian College where he played basketball and met the love
18 of his life, Madis Hooks; he then attended Auburn University
19 Montgomery where he played basketball and later earned his
20 Bachelor of Science in Elementary and Secondary Physical
21 Education Degree; he began a Graduate Assistant Coaching
22 position with the AUM Basketball Program while working toward
23 his Master in Educational Administration Degree, which he
24 earned in 1981; after he graduated, he married Madis Hooks,

1 then he stayed at AUM for an additional five years as
2 Assistant Basketball Coach; and

3 WHEREAS, Coach Fitzpatrick and Madis welcomed their
4 daughter, Dana Alecia Fitzpatrick, into the world in 1986; the
5 following year, he became Assistant Coach at The University of
6 Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming; under his leadership, The
7 University of Wyoming's basketball team finished 26-6 and
8 advanced to the NCAA tournament in one of the most successful
9 eras in the college's history; he also coached several future
10 NBA superstars; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1990, he and Madis had their second
12 child, Thaddeus Stanford Fitzpatrick, II; for the next four
13 years, Coach Fitzpatrick served as Assistant Coach at The
14 University of Miami; the basketball team that he coached made
15 its debut in the Big East Conference in 1991; two of his
16 players, Constantine Popa and Joe Wylie, were drafted by the
17 NBA; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1994, Coach Fitzpatrick left Miami and
19 returned to Alabama to become The University of Alabama's
20 Assistant Coach; the basketball team that he coached advanced
21 to the 1995 NCAA Tournament and finished the season ranked
22 20th in the nation; during his tenure, his basketball team
23 averaged 19 wins per season and sent four players, Antonio
24 McDyess, Jason Caffey, Roy Rogers, and Eric Washington, to the
25 NBA; and

1 WHEREAS, he then spent six years as Assistant
2 Principal and Head Varsity Basketball Coach at Hillcrest High
3 School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; at the end of his tenure, he
4 coached basketball at Indiana University; and

5 WHEREAS, after retiring from the college scene,
6 Coach Fitzpatrick began serving at Brookwood High School in
7 2005, where he would remain until the spring of 2019; and

8 WHEREAS, Thaddeus Fitzpatrick has inspired thousands
9 of students and athletes with his unwavering diligence and
10 outstanding leadership; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we extend warmest
13 commendations to Thaddeus Fitzpatrick, and this resolution is
14 hereby dedicated to him in utmost esteem.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 07-MAY-19

By: Senator Allen