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8 COMMENDING THADDEUS FITZPATRICK FOR PROFESSIONAL  
9 ACHIEVEMENTS.

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11 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we  
12 commend Thaddeus Fitzpatrick for professional achievements;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Thaddeus Fitzpatrick was born on September  
15 23rd, to Bessie and Stanford Fitzpatrick of Montgomery,  
16 Alabama; he grew up at ground zero for the Civil Rights  
17 Movement amid bombings, boycotts, and marches; and

18 WHEREAS, he graduated from St. Jude Catholic School  
19 in 1974; upon graduating high school, he attended Alabama  
20 Christian College where he played basketball and met the love  
21 of his life, Madis Hooks; he then attended Auburn University  
22 Montgomery where he played basketball and later earned his  
23 Bachelor of Science in Elementary and Secondary Physical  
24 Education Degree; he began a Graduate Assistant Coaching  
25 position with the AUM Basketball Program while working toward  
26 his Master in Educational Administration Degree, which he  
27 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

26 WHEREAS, he then spent six years as Assistant  
27 Principal and Head Varsity Basketball Coach at Hillcrest High

1 School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; at the end of his tenure, he  
2 coached basketball at Indiana University; and

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

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

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