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3 By Senators Keahey, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford,  
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Fielding,  
5 Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Marsh, McGill, Orr,  
6 Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield, Singleton,  
7 Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and  
8 Williams

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8 COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA ON WINNING THE  
9 2012 SEASON BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

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11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Crimson Tide football team  
12 earned the program's 15th national championship in football  
13 with a 42-14 victory over Notre Dame in the 2013 Discover BCS  
14 National Championship Game on January 7, 2013; and

15 WHEREAS, the University of Alabama was also voted  
16 No. 1 in the Associated Press college football poll, earning  
17 its eighth AP title; and

18 WHEREAS, playing before a Sun Life Stadium record  
19 crowd of 80,120, the Tide raced to touchdowns on their first  
20 three offensive possessions and built a lead that eventually  
21 reached 35-0 in the third quarter; Tide quarterback AJ  
22 McCarron passed for four touchdowns and 264 yards; and

23 WHEREAS, running back Eddie Lacy, who was named the  
24 most valuable offensive player, rushed for 140 yards and a  
25 touchdown while averaging seven yards per carry; wide receiver  
26 Amari Cooper caught six passes for 105 yards and two scores;  
27 and running back T.J. Yeldon rushed for 108 yards and a

1 touchdown as the Tide offense flourished behind an outstanding  
2 performance by its offensive line; overall, Alabama gained 529  
3 total yards on the night; and

4 WHEREAS, the Alabama defense led by C. J. Mosley,  
5 who was named the most valuable defensive player, effectively  
6 shut down the Notre Dame offense; and

7 WHEREAS, United States Senator Richard Shelby issued  
8 a statement congratulating The University of Alabama Crimson  
9 Tide for winning the 2013 BCS National Championship Game; The  
10 University, the Crimson Tide faithful, and the entire State of  
11 Alabama can be proud of this team not only for winning, but  
12 for representing the citizens of Alabama on the national stage  
13 with integrity and class; and

14 WHEREAS, United States Senator Jeff Sessions in a  
15 press release stated that "Winning the third crystal football  
16 in four years is an extraordinary achievement. Victory at this  
17 level does not just come from effort and skill in big games,  
18 but from a full year of work, preparation, training, and an  
19 exceptional focus as a team on a goal"; and

20 WHEREAS, the 15th championship was the third BCS  
21 championship for the Crimson Tide under the tenure of Head  
22 Coach Nick Saban, who is still the only football coach in the  
23 modern era of college football to win a national football  
24 title at two different universities; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of outstanding  
27 performance and accomplishment in capturing the 2012 BCS

1       National Football Championship and earning the right to be  
2       proclaimed the number one football team in the nation, we  
3       hereby most highly commend the Alabama Crimson Tide, and do  
4       further direct that a copy of this resolution be provided for  
5       appropriate presentation and display at The University of  
6       Alabama.