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8 HONORING COACH MIKE BATTLES AS AN INDUCTEE INTO THE
9 ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME.
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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Coach
12 Mike Battles is recognized as an inductee of the Alabama High
13 School Sports Hall of Fame, one of the most prestigious honors
14 a high school football coach in the state can attain; and

15 WHEREAS, Coach Battles is the head coach at Handley
16 High School and is one of 12 inductees being honored on March
17 17, 2014; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Battles has been at Handley High
19 School since 2004, compiling an impressive record that
20 includes a state title and becoming the school's all-time
21 leader in coaching victories with 85, an achievement for which
22 he credits the people he worked with and worked for, as well
23 as the outstanding student-athletes he trained and mentored;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Coach Battles has been a head coach at the
26 high school level for 40 seasons in three states, amassing 277
27 career wins, 204 having been in Alabama, where he also holds

1 the record as all-time winningest coach at Walter Wellborn
2 High School; and

3 WHEREAS, among the thousands of young men he has
4 coached are his sons, Michael and Mark, both of whom were
5 standout players and are the source of justifiable pride to
6 him; and

7 WHEREAS, through the years, Coach Battles has earned
8 respect for his exceptional abilities and tireless dedication,
9 instilling life values of sportsmanship and character along
10 with strategy and the will to win; he is truly deserving of
11 the significant honor bestowed upon him; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Coach Mike Battles is hereby
14 most highly commended, and this resolution is offered with
15 heartiest congratulations on being inducted into the 2014
16 Class of the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame and with
17 best wishes for continuing success far into the future.