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8 COMMENDING AUBURN UNIVERSITY HEAD FOOTBALL COACH GUS
9 MALZAHN FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY 2013 FOOTBALL SEASON.
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11 WHEREAS, Gus Malzahn has completed an outstanding
12 2013 football season marked by numerous achievements in his
13 first season as head football coach at Auburn University; and

14 WHEREAS, a 2010 Broyles Award winner as the nation's
15 top assistant coach while at Auburn, Coach Malzahn embarked on
16 his first head football coaching opportunity at Arkansas
17 State, where he enjoyed immediate success, finishing with a
18 9-3 record; and

19 WHEREAS, upon Coach Malzahn's return to the
20 Loveliest Village on the Plains, the Auburn Tigers instantly
21 succeeded under Malzahn's tutelage, compiling an astounding
22 7-1 conference record during the regular season against
23 talented Southeastern Conference foes and claiming the 2013
24 Southeastern Conference Championship by soundly defeating the
25 Missouri Tigers in Atlanta; and

26 WHEREAS, Coach Malzahn is only the third
27 Southeastern Conference coach to win an SEC title in his first

1 year; masterfully overcoming the disappointment of the prior
2 season and shattering expectations, he is also tied for the
3 largest turnaround in college football history in NCAA records
4 and his 12-1 start at Auburn is the second best for a coach in
5 his debut season at Auburn; and

6 WHEREAS, reaching the pinnacle of college football
7 in his first year, the No. 2 ranked Tigers gallantly fought
8 the No. 1 ranked Florida State University Seminoles in the
9 final Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game at
10 the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Malzahn has demonstrated leadership
12 and selfless devotion to his players, coaches, and the
13 university, earning him well-deserved accolades this year,
14 including the AP Coach of the Year award, the SEC Coach of the
15 Year award, the Home Depot Coach of the Year award, the
16 FWAA/Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year award, the Liberty
17 Mutual Coach of the Year award, the Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach
18 of the Year award, and the Bobby Bowden National Collegiate
19 Coach of the Year Award; and

20 WHEREAS, from thrilling victories over rivals,
21 including a monumental victory over No. 1 Alabama in the 2013
22 Iron Bowl, to coaching and inspiring exceptional individual
23 and team performances, Coach Malzahn has ignited the Auburn
24 University family and has attained the admiration of this
25 state and the entire college football audience; now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
27 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Auburn University head

1 football coach Gus Malzahn is highly honored and commended for
2 an exemplary inaugural 2013 football season at Auburn
3 University, and by copy of this resolution, we offer
4 congratulations, along with best wishes for continued success
5 in all future athletic and life endeavors.