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3 By Representatives Beech and Hubbard (M)
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING AUBURN UNIVERSITY HEAD FOOTBALL COACH GUS
4 MALZAHN FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY 2013 FOOTBALL SEASON.

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6 WHEREAS, Gus Malzahn has completed an outstanding
7 2013 football season marked by numerous achievements in his
8 first season as head football coach at Auburn University; and

9 WHEREAS, a 2010 Broyles Award winner as the nation's
10 top assistant coach while at Auburn, Coach Malzahn embarked on
11 his first head football coaching opportunity at Arkansas
12 State, where he enjoyed immediate success, finishing with a
13 9-3 record; and

14 WHEREAS, upon Coach Malzahn's return to the
15 Loveliest Village on the Plains, the Auburn Tigers instantly
16 succeeded under Malzahn's tutelage, compiling an astounding
17 7-1 conference record during the regular season against
18 talented Southeastern Conference foes and claiming the 2013
19 Southeastern Conference Championship by soundly defeating the
20 Missouri Tigers in Atlanta; and

21 WHEREAS, Coach Malzahn is only the third
22 Southeastern Conference coach to win an SEC title in his first
23 year; masterfully overcoming the disappointment of the prior
24 season and shattering expectations, he is also tied for the
25 largest turnaround in college football history in NCAA records

1 and his 12-1 start at Auburn is the second best for a coach in
2 his debut season at Auburn; and

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

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

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

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Auburn University head
25 football coach Gus Malzahn is highly honored and commended for

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

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 12-FEB-14.

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Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

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