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3 By Representative England
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8 COMMENDING JAMES "COACH" CUNNINGHAM FOR DEDICATED
9 SERVICE AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to
12 James "Coach" Cunningham in recognition of his outstanding
13 accomplishments, dedicated service, and community
14 contributions; and

15 WHEREAS, Coach Cunningham of Northport, Alabama,
16 will be honored on May 14, 2015, by the Benjamin Barnes YMCA
17 at the dedication of the James Cunningham Gymnasium; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Cunningham led baseball and
19 basketball youth leagues in the Benjamin Barnes YMCA and
20 football leagues through the Parks and Recreation Authority of
21 Tuscaloosa County over 42 years of coaching; and

22 WHEREAS, his outstanding leadership in breaking
23 racial barriers for African-American youth and integrating
24 county youth sports is highly revered by generations of west
25 Tuscaloosa citizens; and

26 WHEREAS, Coach Cunningham is married to Bennette
27 Cunningham and they have three children, Eddie (Saundra)

1 Cunningham, Debbie Cunningham, and James Cunningham; he has
2 been a longtime member of Mount Galilee Baptist Church in
3 Northport, Alabama; and

4 WHEREAS, Coach Cunningham has served as a member of
5 the Tuscaloosa City Council representing District 1, board
6 member of the McDonald Hughes Center, and on the Parks and
7 Recreation Authority of Tuscaloosa County; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
9 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That James "Coach" Cunningham is
10 heartily commended for his exceptional contributions to the
11 youth of the community.