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8 COMMENDING AMERICAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GIRLS'  
9 BASKETBALL COACH BUDDY SUMNER FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE FOR 50  
10 YEARS.  
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12 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and pleasure that we  
13 recognize and commend Buddy Sumner, girls basketball coach at  
14 the American Christian Academy of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for  
15 fifty years of coaching; he recently was presented a plaque by  
16 his players in recognition of this milestone; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Sumner has touched countless lives in  
18 the five decades he has served the youth in West Alabama; he  
19 has coached daughters of some of his earlier players,  
20 including his own daughter and granddaughter, and four of his  
21 current players' mothers played for Coach Sumner; and

22 WHEREAS, a graduate of Tuscaloosa County High  
23 School, Coach Sumner began his coaching career in 1966 at  
24 Tuscaloosa Junior High School; he coached at West End  
25 Christian and Wilcox Academy before he began coaching at  
26 American Christian Academy in 2009; and

1               WHEREAS, during his career, Coach Sumner has won 16  
2     state championships in three different sports; he won six  
3     state championship titles in girls basketball at West End  
4     Christian, and four at Wilcox Academy; he won four state track  
5     championships and two softball state championships at West End  
6     Christian; and

7               WHEREAS, Coach Sumner is a member of the AISA Hall  
8     of Fame and a beloved father figure to many he has coached;  
9     his current and many former players recently honored Coach  
10    Sumner for his experience, dedication, and leadership; he  
11    exemplifies the qualities that sustain young athletes and  
12    inspire excellence in sports; and

13              WHEREAS, Coach Sumner has indeed inspired and  
14    encouraged many players and they will carry with them  
15    throughout their lives the numerous positive experiences they  
16    have gained under his supervision; now therefore,

17              BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18    HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in tribute to an outstanding  
19    record of achievements and fifty years of coaching, we hereby  
20    most highly commend Coach Buddy Sumner and direct that he  
21    receive a copy of this resolution as an expression of our  
22    sincere regard and best wishes for every future success.