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4 Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn, Figures,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,
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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.