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8 COMMENDING THE J.O. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS
9 BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2016 AHSAA CLASS 5A STATE
10 CHAMPIONSHIP.
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12 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
13 are herein proudly presented to the J.O. Johnson High School
14 Boys Basketball Team on the outstanding achievement of winning
15 the 2016 AHSAA Class 5A State Championship; and

16 WHEREAS, the fierce Jaguars claimed the title
17 through hard work, diligence, and an unwavering commitment to
18 excellence; and

19 WHEREAS, the win is bittersweet as it was earned by
20 the final J.O. Johnson High School Boys Basketball Team
21 because J.O. Johnson High School will close after the
22 2015-2016 school year; and

23 WHEREAS, the members of the team's 2015-2016 roster,
24 all of whom mightily contributed to the success of the
25 program, include Justin Hopkins, Jarius Grayson, Antonio
26 Fletcher, John Petty, Devontae Lanier, Brandon McCarver,

1 Brandon Crosby, Jamar Jackson, Toradio Jamar, Jaquavius
2 Horton, Branson Davis, and Brandon Nichols; and

3 WHEREAS, John Petty earned honors including
4 selection as Class 5A Player of the Year, Gatorade Alabama
5 Player of the Year, 5A State Tournament MVP, AL.com Super
6 All-State Player of the Year, Sports Writers Association Mr.
7 Basketball, Huntsville Region Player of the Year, and 1st Team
8 All State; Justin Hopkins, a Samford signee, earned 1st Team
9 All State honors, and Brandon Crosby attained a 4.0. GPA as a
10 junior; and

11 WHEREAS, the Jaguars have emerged as back-to-back
12 state champions and accumulated a 61 to 9 record over the last
13 two years; at the end of the season, every team starter
14 received a scholarship offer; and

15 WHEREAS, the J.O. Johnson High School Boys
16 Basketball Team defeated 13 ranked opponents and battled for a
17 championship for a fourth consecutive season for the 2015-2016
18 year; the Jaguars earned the honor of being the 4A runner-up
19 team for 2013 and 2014; and

20 WHEREAS, expert guidance was provided by Head Coach
21 Jack Doss and assistant coaches Troy Ragland, Preston Barbee,
22 Tae Keith, Dylan Pope, Al Whitted, and Arthur Wesley; Coach
23 Jack Doss already owned the AHSAA record for state
24 championships when his team earned the 2016 title; his Butler
25 High School teams won titles in 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, and
26 2011, and his Hayes High School Team won titles in 1981 and
27 1982; and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Doss lauded praise upon his talented
2 team in the following manner: "I've been in this game for 40
3 years, and this is probably the best team I've ever seen in
4 the State of Alabama; from top to bottom, and coming off the
5 bench, you saw their athleticism; they're just amazing"; and

6 WHEREAS, the Jaguars are truly one-of-a-kind
7 basketball players whose heart, determination, and effort
8 inspire countless others to also give their very all; and

9 WHEREAS, the achievements of these young
10 student-athletes reflect much credit upon their school, their
11 families, and the entire community; now therefore.

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the J.O. Johnson High School
14 Boys Basketball Team is honored and commended, and this
15 resolution is offered to them in highest tribute, along with
16 sincere best wishes for the future.