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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
9 LEGENDARY COLLEGE BASKETBALL COACH BEN JOBE.  
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11 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the  
12 passing of legendary college basketball coach Ben Jobe, and we  
13 uplift his inspiring life and legacy with utmost reverence and  
14 respect; and

15 WHEREAS, the passing of Coach Ben Jobe leaves a void  
16 in the lives of his loving family, many friends, former  
17 athletes, and countless fans; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Jobe earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree  
19 in Health and Physical Education from Fisk University in  
20 Nashville, Tennessee, in 1956 and a Master of Science Degree  
21 in Education Administration and Supervision from Tennessee  
22 State University; and

23 WHEREAS, as an undergraduate at Fisk University, he  
24 was sports editor of the campus newspaper, The Fisk Forum, a  
25 student member of the Fisk University Board of Athletic  
26 Control, captain of the basketball team, and a member of Kappa  
27 Alpha Pi Fraternity; and

1           WHEREAS, among his numerous professional  
2           achievements are his distinguished tenure as head basketball  
3           coach at Talladega College, Alabama State University, South  
4           Carolina State College, University of Denver, Alabama A and M  
5           College, Southern University, and Tuskegee University; and

6           WHEREAS, he accumulated a record of 536 wins while  
7           coaching at seven different institutions and won the NCAA's  
8           scoring title in 1991, 1993, and 1994; in addition, he won his  
9           500th game at Tuskegee University in January 2000 and was  
10          selected as Coach of the Year by various collegiate and  
11          coaching organizations; and

12          WHEREAS, Coach Ben Jobe garnered numerous accolades  
13          including the Fisk Alumni Scholarship Award, the Local Masonic  
14          Organization Scholarship Award, the Federal Government  
15          Fellowship Award, the United Negro College Fund, the Operation  
16          Push-Excel Award, the Red Shield Community Center Award, the  
17          Kappa Alpha Psi Award, the Phi Beta Sigma Award, the Variety  
18          100 Award, the Alabama A and M Achievement Award, the Kappa  
19          Alpha Psi Graduate Chapter Award, the NAACP Award for  
20          Outstanding Achievement, the NABC Gathering of Champions  
21          Award, the Chancellor's Award, the 400th NCAA Win, and the  
22          Tuskegee Achievement Award; and

23          WHEREAS, Coach Jobe was a faithful and dedicated  
24          member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Montgomery,  
25          Alabama; he was married to the former Regina Williams, and  
26          they were blessed with two children, Gina Bene' and Bryan  
27          Arthur; and

1               WHEREAS, Coach Jobe was a valued member of the  
2     community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory  
3     is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were  
4     fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

5               BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
6     HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of  
7     Coach Ben Jobe, we are extremely grateful for his abundant  
8     life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to his  
9     inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his  
10    family and friends.