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2 By Representative Jackson
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4 HJR____ COMMENDING COACH CARVEL WILLIAM ROWELL, JR. FOR BEING
5 INDUCTED INTO THE THOMASVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF
6 FAME.

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8 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
9 conveyed to Coach Carvel William Rowell, Jr. for being
10 inducted into the Thomasville High School Sports Hall of
11 Fame; and

12 WHEREAS, Coach Rowell played football and baseball
13 for The University of West Alabama from 1962-1966; he ranked
14 third in the nation for football in total offense in 1966
15 and led the Tigers in hitting four years, was All-Conference
16 in both sports and led the Tigers to three straight
17 conference crowns in baseball, and signed a free-agent
18 contract with the Houston Oilers in 1966; later, he coached
19 at the high school level for nine years, winning a State
20 Championship in football at Excel High School in 1969 and a
21 State Championship in baseball at Thomasville High School in
22 1972; he was inducted into The University of West Alabama
23 Athletics Hall of Fame in 1993; and

24 WHEREAS, Coach Rowell is also known for coaching
25 Thomasville High School's Football Team in 1970, which
26 became known as the "Sensational 17" under his guidance and
27 leadership; as a result of Coach Rowell's extraordinary
28 coaching, the "Sensational 17" won eight out of 10 games

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29 during the 1970-1971 season; Coach Rowell still sees members
30 of the "Sensational 17" and enjoys positive relationships
31 with the whole team; as for some of his baseball coaching
32 career highlights, he was Head Baseball Coach of the 1972
33 State Champion Tigers with a record of 17-6; the baseball
34 team was undefeated in the early State Playoff rounds with
35 wins over Paramount, Gordo, Billingsley, and Luverne; the
36 Tigers defeated Rebecka Coma 2-1 in the semi-finals and then
37 beat Ragland 2-1 in the State Finals in Thomasville; and

38 WHEREAS, Coach Rowell brought people together through
39 sports and truly cared for every person; he left an impact
40 on those whom he guided and remains a phenomenal inspiration
41 to this day; now therefore,

42 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
43 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Coach Carvel William Rowell,
44 Jr. is highly commended for being inducted into the
45 Thomasville High School Sports Hall of Fame, and we hereby
46 dedicate this resolution to him with utmost admiration,
47 along with sincere best wishes for continued happiness and
48 success in all future endeavors.