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4 HR\_\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COACH RONNIE STAPLER  
5 FOR CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.  
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7 WHEREAS, with great pride and pleasure, we highly  
8 commend Coach Ronnie Stapler for his outstanding coaching  
9 career on the occasion of his retirement as Head Basketball  
10 Coach from Westminster Christian Academy; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Stapler is a West Huntsville native;  
12 he is a 1965 graduate of Butler High School; he played  
13 basketball at Walker College, now Bevill State Community  
14 College, Centenary College of Louisiana, and Florence State  
15 University, now the University of North Alabama, where he  
16 earned his bachelor's degree; he earned his master's degree  
17 from the University of Montevallo; and

18 WHEREAS, during his career, Coach Stapler coached  
19 basketball, football, golf, wrestling, and softball at  
20 Grissom High School, Guntersville High School, Randolph  
21 School, and Westminster Christian Academy; he has coached 53  
22 seasons and won 868 games, third best in Alabama High School  
23 Athletic Association (AHSAA) history; and

24 WHEREAS, Coach Stapler was inducted into the Alabama  
25 High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2022; he led two of his  
26 Grissom High School boys basketball teams to state titles in  
27 1988 and 1999, and in 2016, he led Westminster Christian  
28 Academy to a basketball state championship; his boys golf



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29 team at Grissom High School won the top spot in 1983; over  
30 his career, he coached four teams to second place finishes;  
31 his teams made nine Final Fours, 12 Elite Eights, and won 23  
32 area championships; Coach Stapler was honored as AHSAA Coach  
33 of the Year three times and twice coached the Alabama  
34 All-Stars; and

35 WHEREAS, during his retirement, Coach Stapler plans  
36 to spend time with his family, work on his honey-do list,  
37 and to continue to teach skills development at the Alabama  
38 Basketball Academy that he founded with his son, Scott, in  
39 2008; now therefore,

40 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
41 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Coach Ronnie Stapler is highly  
42 commended and congratulated for his outstanding coaching  
43 career on the occasion of his retirement, and this  
44 resolution is offered to him as evidence of our high regard  
45 and esteem with sincere best wishes for future happiness and  
46 prosperity.