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HR___ COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE EDGEWOOD ACADEMY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACHES UPON WINNING THE ALABAMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS AA STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we honor those Alabama students who, through their athletic abilities, have achieved the pinnacle of success and serve as exceptional champions of the great State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, one such group of estimable individuals is the Edgewood Academy Varsity Girls Basketball Team, which handily won their third consecutive Alabama Independent School Association (AISA) Class AA State Championship on February 9, 2024, at the Cramton Bowl Multiplex in Montgomery with a 46-28 victory over Sparta Academy; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats finished the season with a 28-3 record and have achieved a remarkable 78-9 record over the last three seasons; and

WHEREAS, true excellence in basketball demands individual strength, agility, and skill, as well as team effort and good sportsmanship; the Lady Wildcats exhibit all of these qualities and more; and

WHEREAS, using these talents and attributes, Head Coach Brad Starks and Assistant Coach Mac Newton superbly coached and inspired the Lady Wildcats to victory; under

their leadership, the players have broadened their knowledge of the game, refined their skills in execution, and maintained the Edgewood Academy tradition of superior play; and

WHEREAS, in the AISA Final Four, outstanding senior athlete Lindsey Brown dominated the play, leading with 25 points, six steals, four assists, five rebounds, and two blocks in a 54-28 victory against Southern Academy; and in the state championship, she played every minute and refused to be taken out of the game; she finished the season with an incredible 10 state championships, including three in basketball, five in volleyball, and two in softball; her consistency and dedication have made her an invaluable asset to the Lady Wildcats; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Edgewood Academy Lady Wildcats Basketball Championship roster includes seniors, Lindsey Brown and Madison Martin; juniors, Emerson Boddie, Emmah Clement, Haidynn Cotterill, Elizabeth Ellis, and Avery White; sophomores, Kadie Bence and Aubrey Newton; and freshmen, Hayden Hudson, Lexie Smith, Addie Stubbs, and Savannah Wood; and

WHEREAS, Edgewood Academy's third consecutive victory in the AISA Class AA Girls Basketball State Championship cements their dominance in AISA Class AA girls basketball; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Edgewood Academy Varsity Girls Basketball Team and Coaches Brad Sparks and Mac Newton

are highly commended and congratulated for winning the AISA Class AA Girls Basketball State Championship, and we hereby dedicate this resolution to them with utmost admiration, along with sincere best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.