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HR____ CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR ACHIEVING THE PROGRAM'S FIRST APPEARANCE IN THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL FOUR.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride and special pleasure that highest commendations and congratulations are herein conveyed to The University of Alabama (UA) men's basketball team's coaches and players for achieving the program's first appearance in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Basketball Championship Final Four; and

WHEREAS, the head coach of the Crimson Tide, Nate Oats, has forged UA's men's basketball into a power-house program that commands the respect of the college basketball world; since Coach Oats arrived in Tuscaloosa just five years ago, he has led UA to two Southeastern Conference (SEC) regular season titles in 2021 and 2023, two SEC Tournament championships in 2021 and 2023, four NCAA Tournament appearances in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024, and three Sweet 16 appearances in 2021, 2023, and 2024; and this year, Coach Oats has led the Crimson Tide to the program's second Elite Eight appearance and the program's first Final Four appearance; and

WHEREAS, in the program's first NCAA Men's Basketball

Elite Eight appearance since 2004, the No. 4 seed Alabama Crimson Tide defeated the No. 6 seed Clemson Tigers by a score of 89-82 on March 30, 2024, to become the NCAA Tournament West Region champions; this historic win was UA's eighth win in the NCAA Tournament in the last four seasons, with Coach Oats improving to 8-3 over the stretch; and

WHEREAS, the Crimson Tide will take on the No. 1 seed and East Region champion, the University of Connecticut Huskies, in the 2024 NCAA Final Four on April 6, 2024; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That this body highly congratulates and commends The University of Alabama Men's Basketball team's players and coaches on a historic and unprecedented performance in the NCAA Tournament; and, along with best wishes for continued success in the NCAA Tournament, we hereby dedicate this resolution to The University of Alabama Men's Basketball program with great admiration and respect.