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4 SJR___ COMMENDING COACH ROBERT JOHN SPROWL FOR HIS
5 OUTSTANDING HEAD COACHING CAREER WITH SHELTON STATE
6 COMMUNITY COLLEGE.
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8 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure,
9 highest commendations and congratulations are herein
10 conveyed to "Bobby" Sprowl for his remarkable coaching
11 career as the head baseball coach of the Shelton State
12 Community College Buccaneers baseball team; and

13 WHEREAS, a Tampa, Florida, native, Coach Sprowl
14 played baseball for The University of Alabama (UA) from
15 1976-1977; in 1977, he earned second team All-American and
16 consensus All-SEC selection honors; during the 1977 season,
17 Sprowl led the NCAA with 11.5 strikeouts per nine innings
18 and finished the season with 118 strikeouts, which still
19 ranks second on the UA single-season strikeout list; Sprowl
20 was drafted in the second round of the 1977 Major League
21 Baseball Draft by the Boston Red Sox as the 39th overall
22 pick, making him the first Southeastern Conference (SEC)
23 player and the eighth college player selected in the draft;
24 and he spent eight seasons in the Major League with the
25 Boston Red Sox, Houston Astros, and the Baltimore Orioles;
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27 WHEREAS, Coach Sprowl took over as the Bucs' head
28 coach in the fall of 1985 where he made an immediate impact



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29 leading the Bucs to 138 wins and only 45 losses in his first
30 four seasons with the team, including back-to-back 39-win
31 seasons in 1988 and 1989; his 1988 team also went a perfect
32 20-0 in Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) play,
33 making it the only team in school history to post a perfect
34 conference record; from 2006-2009, Coach Sprowl led the Bucs
35 to a school record with four straight 40-win seasons; during
36 this span, the Bucs had a combined record of 181-74 (.710)
37 and played in a program record three straight National
38 Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) World Series;
39 from 2007-2009, Coach Sprowl led the Bucs to the program's
40 first win at the national tournament (2007), a runner-up
41 finish at the national tournament (2008), a program record
42 49-win season (2008), and a program record of 27 conference
43 wins (2009); and

44 WHEREAS, in 2023, Coach Sprowl led Shelton State back
45 to the NJCAA World Series for the second time in three
46 years; and, after a second-place finish in the ACCC Northern
47 Division, Coach Sprowl's Bucs posted a 4-1 record en route
48 to the program's second state championship in the past three
49 seasons, blasting Wallace State-Dothan 15-3 in the
50 championship game; and

51 WHEREAS, Coach Sprowl was inducted into the Alabama
52 Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2009; he was
53 named to The University of Alabama All-Century Baseball Team
54 in 1993; he is a 5-time ACCC Coach of the Year winner; and
55 this year, which marks his 34th season as the Bucs' head
56 coach, Coach Sprowl will add to his legacy as he will be



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57 inducted into the NJCAA Baseball Hall of Fame; and

58 WHEREAS, Coach Sprowl has built a lasting legacy as
59 the head baseball coach with the Shelton State Community
60 College Buccaneers; he has compiled a 1,143-701 (.613)
61 record as head coach of the Bucs; his 1,143 wins rank
62 seventh among active NJCAA head coaches and 20th on the
63 all-time wins list for NJCAA baseball coaches; he is one of
64 11 head coaches in the State of Alabama to win 1,000 or more
65 games; he has sent more than 250 players to four-year
66 schools; he has had 30 players drafted in the Major League
67 Draft, including the highest drafted junior college player
68 in 2022, Drake Logan; he has had three former players play
69 Major League Baseball; he has led the Bucs to six ACCC State
70 Tournament victories; and, under Coach Sprowl's leadership,
71 the Bucs have played in six NJCAA World Series (2007, 2008,
72 2009, 2012, 2021, and 2023); now therefore,

73 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
74 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body highly
75 congratulates, reveres, and honors Coach Bobby Sprowl for
76 his legendary professional accolades; and, along with best
77 wishes for continued success in his coaching career, we
78 dedicate this resolution to him with the utmost respect.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 21-Mar-24

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and
passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

Passed: 04-Apr-24

By: Senator Allen