

SJR26 ENROLLED



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3 By Senators Carnley, Allen, Chesteen, Albritton, Barfoot,
4 Beasley, Bell, Butler, Chambliss, Coleman, Coleman-Madison,
5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Hovey, Jones,
6 Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts,
7 Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Williams
9 RFD: Rules
10 First Read: 20-Feb-25

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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR____ COMMENDING LEGENDARY TROY UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL COACH,
5 LARRY BLAKENEY, FOR BEING ENSHRINED INTO THE COLLEGE
6 FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME, CLASS OF 2025.

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8 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, Troy
9 University's winningest coach, Larry Blakeney, is highly
10 commended and congratulated for being enshrined into the
11 College Football Hall of Fame, Class of 2025; the event will
12 take place during the 37th National Football Foundation
13 Awards Dinner; and

14 WHEREAS, Birmingham, Alabama, native and former
15 Auburn quarterback under Shug Jordan, Coach Larry Blakeney,
16 is the all-time winningest coach in both Troy University
17 (TROY) and Sun Belt Conference (SBC) history, holding a
18 20-win advantage over the next closest competitor; he now
19 becomes the first-ever player or coach in TROY or SBC
20 history to enter the College Football Hall of Fame; and

21 WHEREAS, some of Coach Blakeney's career achievements
22 include: a career record of 178-113-1, winning 61.1 percent
23 of his games in his 24 seasons at TROY; guiding the Trojans
24 to seven Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoff
25 appearances in eight seasons; leading the Trojans to five
26 bowl games and securing victories in 2006 and 2010; guiding
27 TROY to eight conference championships, including three in
28 the Southland Conference (SLC), before achieving an SBC



29 record of five consecutive titles from 2006-2010; and
30 WHEREAS, Coach Blakeney led TROY'S transition from
31 NCAA Division II to Division I in 1993 at the FCS level and
32 further led the Trojans to the Football Bowl Subdivision
33 (FBS) in 2002; he is one of only two coaches to lead a
34 program from Division II to the FBS, a feat that earned him
35 many accolades during its progression; he was named
36 conference Coach of the Year twice each in the SLC and SBC
37 and two-time American Football Coaches Association Regional
38 Coach of the Year; he has been inducted into the Wiregrass
39 Sports Hall of Fame, the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, and
40 the inaugural class of the Troy University Sports Hall of
41 Fame; now therefore,

42 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
43 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Coach Larry Blakeney, a
44 legend of the Troy University Football Program, is highly
45 commended and congratulated for his well-earned and historic
46 induction into the College Football Hall of Fame, and this
47 resolution is offered to him with our highest regard and
48 best wishes for continued health, happiness, and prosperity.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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

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Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

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