

## 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



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record of five consecutive titles from 2006-2010; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Coach Larry Blakeney, a legend of the Troy University Football Program, is highly commended and congratulated for his well-earned and historic induction into the College Football Hall of Fame, and this resolution is offered to him with our highest regard and 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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Senate 20-Feb-25

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

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
Passed: 27-Feb-25

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By: Senator Carnley