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8 RECOGNIZING THE FORTY-ONE AMBASSADORS WHO
9 REPRESENTED THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA AT
10 THE 1988 XV WINTER OLYMPICS IN CALGARY, CANADA.

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12 WHEREAS, in 1988, former Alabama Governor Harold Guy
13 Hunt selected the Huntsville City School System to represent
14 our great state at the XV Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta,
15 Canada; Superintendent Dr. Mary Jane Caylor and Doris McHugh,
16 Supervisor of Physical Education for the Huntsville City
17 School System organized and coordinated the trip for the
18 Huntsville City School System XV Winter Olympics delegation,
19 which consisted of 30 fourth and fifth grade students and 11
20 chaperones; and

21 WHEREAS, as the eyes of the world were upon Calgary
22 during the XV Winter Olympic Games, Huntsville City School
23 students served as the official Alabama ambassadors at the
24 opening ceremony in McMahon Stadium on February 13, 1988; and

25 WHEREAS, during the opening ceremony, the Alabama
26 delegation had the utmost privilege of witnessing the parade
27 of 59 countries, an event they considered impressive and

1 exciting; notably, CF Flag Company in Huntsville, Alabama,
2 designed the 59 flags carried by all 59 countries in the
3 parade of nations; the athletes entered the stadium donning
4 their native attire and carrying banners representative of
5 their respective countries; the children and chaperones
6 representing the Huntsville City School System gazed upon a
7 breathtaking and thrilling spectacle; teams and spectators,
8 alike, anticipated the most stirring moment of the afternoon,
9 which occurred when a young athlete entered the stadium with
10 the Olympic Torch, climbed the stairs to the huge bowl, and
11 lit the flame; and

12 WHEREAS, these young students gained a
13 once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share educational and
14 international events with students worldwide as well as
15 witness the Olympic Winter Games firsthand; activities
16 included a tour of Olympic museums, a tour of the Olympic
17 Center, and attendance of several competitions and award
18 ceremonies; and

19 WHEREAS, this august body endorsed, approved, and
20 supported the Governor's appointment in 1988; this body,
21 again, deems it appropriate, three decades later, to recognize
22 the 41 Ambassadors for their historic participation; and

23 WHEREAS, it is our collective wish to emphasize how
24 the selection of elementary school children as the primary
25 ambassadors of our state during the XV Winter Olympics three
26 decades ago was a tribute to the excellence of Alabama and the
27 value of its education as well as a reminder that the heart

1 and soul of our future is found in the quality of our youth
2 and performance of our educational system; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby commend the members
5 of the Huntsville City School System delegation who
6 represented the Huntsville City School System at the 1988
7 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, as ambassadors
8 for the State of Alabama and proclaim that our hope for the
9 future is our youth and participation in international events.