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3 By Representative Morrow
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING PAUL FINEBAUM FOR HIS MANY YEARS AS A
4 SPORTS ANALYST AND RECOGNIZING THE UNPARALLELED SUCCESS OF THE
5 PAUL FINEBAUM SHOW AND ITS PASSIONATE CALLERS.
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7 WHEREAS, top-rated radio and television host, Paul
8 Finebaum, has made his name covering college football in
9 Alabama and the Southeastern Conference for over 30 years
10 while sparking controversy almost every step of the way; the
11 Paul Finebaum Show has become a staple for SEC football, and
12 the passionate and loyal callers to the show have cemented
13 their legacy in SEC football lore; and

14 WHEREAS, beginning with a sports-radio show based in
15 Birmingham, Alabama, Finebaum now hosts a national broadcast
16 five days each week on the ESPN Radio Network from Charlotte,
17 North Carolina; and

18 WHEREAS, known for his wit and appeal to listeners,
19 Finebaum graduated with a degree in political science from the
20 University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and developed a contrarian
21 style that rankles fans and draws in listeners from around the
22 United States; and

23 WHEREAS, serving first as a commenter on the Mark
24 and Brian Radio Show on WAPI-AM in Birmingham, Finebaum
25 launched his first sports call-in show, Fussing with Finebaum,

1 in 1984; during that same time, he was a sports commentator on
2 WBRC-TV, Channel 6 in Birmingham; and

3 WHEREAS, using relentless criticism, Finebaum
4 launched his career and expanded the listenership of sports
5 fans across the country; in 1995, he published his first joke
6 book jabbing at the University of Alabama, which was followed
7 by a series featuring almost 50 college football teams across
8 the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, while finding his voice, Finebaum has been
10 embroiled in defamation lawsuits and controversy, yet his
11 outspoken nature has continued to increase listeners, viewers,
12 and Finebaum's popularity with those who enjoy calling in to
13 the show; recognizing his unheralded influence in college
14 sports, the Wall Street Journal has rightfully dubbed him as
15 the ". . .Oprah Winfrey of college sports."; and

16 WHEREAS, Finebaum's weekly cast of colorful
17 characters and callers have enhanced the show's unique ability
18 to highlight how passionate Alabamians can be in supporting
19 their team; notable Alabama callers include: Tammy, Legend,
20 I-man, Jim from Tuscaloosa, Jim from Crestwood, DJ K-Dub,
21 Kevinator, Milo from Birmingham, Charles from Reeltown,
22 Phyllis from Mulga, Tyler from Huntsville, Joe from Red Bay,
23 and Shane from Centerpoint; and

24 WHEREAS, Paul Finebaum, the Paul Finebaum Show, and
25 all of the show's dedicated callers are truly deserving of

1 special recognition for their unique style, service, and
2 success in promoting the greatest conference in college sports
3 in the land; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize and commend Paul
6 Finebaum for his successful career in sports journalism and
7 recognize the Paul Finebaum Show for its service to the
8 Southeastern Conference and college football programs across
9 the country, and by copy of this resolution, we extend our
10 admiration and appreciation, along with sincere best wishes in
11 all future endeavors.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we recognize the
13 numerous, loyal callers from Alabama that contribute to the
14 success of the Paul Finebaum Show, and by copy of this
15 resolution, we acknowledge their contributions to college
16 sports and entertainment in this state, and we offer our
17 sincere hope for many minutes of future airtime and spirited
18 debates with one another and with the ringmaster of the show,
19 Paul Finebaum.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 11-JAN-18.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

23-JAN-18

Adopted