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8 COMMENDING THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY MENS BASKETBALL
9 TEAM ON ITS EXCEPTIONAL RECORD OF ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT AND
10 WINNING THE 2018 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP.
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12 WHEREAS, the Auburn University students and faculty
13 continue the time-honored tradition of uniting as the Auburn
14 University Family in the pursuit of excellence in academics,
15 athletics, extracurricular activities, community and charity
16 events, and in all facets of Auburn University campus life; it
17 is an honor to recognize the Auburn University Mens Basketball
18 Team for its superior performance and record of athletic
19 achievement; and

20 WHEREAS, the Auburn University Basketball Team
21 accepted the challenge in SEC basketball and defeated the
22 South Carolina Gamecocks on March 3, 2018, to win its first
23 SEC Basketball Championship in almost two decades; Head Coach
24 Bruce Pearl became only the second coach in SEC history to win
25 regular season titles with two different schools; and

26 WHEREAS, facing hardships and adversity, the Auburn
27 University Basketball Team overcame injuries, controversy, and

1 losses in the 2017-2018 season that could have knocked the
2 team off course; uniting to become a team that is resilient,
3 focused, and self-motivated, the team members truly bring out
4 the best in each other without making excuses for being
5 short-handed; and

6 WHEREAS, what seemed inconceivable at the beginning
7 of the basketball season, has become a championship season for
8 the Auburn Tigers, who were invited to the NCAA Tournament for
9 the first time in 15 years; and

10 WHEREAS, for the third time in program history and
11 the first time since 1999, the Auburn Tigers are the SEC
12 regular-season champions; following the victory over South
13 Carolina, the nets at Auburn Arena were cut down and a title
14 banner will be displayed; making history before over 9,000
15 fans in attendance, the basketball team shared the honor with
16 the coaches and credited the Auburn University Family for its
17 success; and

18 WHEREAS, the Auburn University Basketball Team,
19 Coach Bruce Pearl, and the entire Auburn University Family are
20 a tremendous source of pride to the entire State of Alabama
21 and truly deserving of special commendation and praise; now
22 therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Auburn University Mens
25 Basketball Team, Coach Bruce Pearl, and the entire Auburn
26 Family, are honored and commended, and this resolution is

1 offered in highest tribute, along with sincere best wishes for
2 continued success in all future endeavors.