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3 By Senators Dial, Holley, Albritton, Allen, Beasley,
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison,
5 Dunn, Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holtzclaw, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Sanders,
7 Sanford, Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman,
8 Stutts, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
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8 COMMENDING TROY UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL AND COACH NEAL
9 BROWN.

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11 WHEREAS, Troy University began intercollegiate
12 football competition in 1990, with its rich history including
13 an NAIA National Championship in 1968 and NCAA Division II
14 National Champions in 1984 and 1987, ultimately ascending to
15 the highest level of NCAA competition, Division 1-A (FBS), in
16 2001; and

17 WHEREAS, the 2017 Troy University Football Team,
18 coached by Mr. Neal Brown, won its record sixth Sun Belt
19 Conference football title and compiled the most successful
20 record at the FBS level in program history, with an 11-2
21 record; and

22 WHEREAS, season highlights include six wins over
23 teams to reach bowl games, including a 24-21 defeat of then
24 22nd ranked Louisiana State University on September 30 ending
25 LSU's 49-game home nonconference winning streak; and

26 WHEREAS, the Troy Trojans set an R+L Carriers New
27 Orleans Bowl record with 50 points in its victory over the

1 University of North Texas on December 16, as the Sun Belt
2 Conference compiled a 4-1 record in 2017 bowl games; and

3 WHEREAS, Coach Brown's Trojan teams have won 22 of
4 27 games dating back to the 2015 season, including a current
5 seven-game winning streak, which is the fourth longest in the
6 nation, thus establishing a program of both excellence and
7 consistency; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Brown was named the Sun Belt
9 Conference Coach of the Year for 2017, joining 17 other
10 Trojans who earned post-season all-conference honors; now
11 therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF
13 ALABAMA, That the Troy University Trojans Football Team and
14 Coach Neal Brown and his staff are commended for bringing
15 honor to the State of Alabama through its outstanding,
16 record-breaking season as part of Coach Brown's program to
17 "Rebuild the Wall."