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4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn,
5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Sanders, Sanford,
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8 RECOGNIZING LEGENDARY COLLEGE BASKETBALL COACH
9 WINFREY SANDERSON FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are proudly presented
12 to legendary college basketball coach Winfrey "Wimp" Sanderson
13 for outstanding achievement; and

14 WHEREAS, while serving as the illustrious Head Coach
15 of The University of Alabama Basketball Team, Winfrey
16 Sanderson became the only coach in the program's history to
17 win 200 or more games in his first 10 years, led his teams to
18 average 21.8 wins a year with a 267-119 record and win five
19 SEC tournaments and to make appearances in one NIT and 10 NCAA
20 tournaments and make the "Sweet 16" six times, earned the
21 distinction of Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year in
22 1987, 1989, and 1990 and National Coach of the Year in 1987;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Coach Sanderson was renowned for his dapper
25 sideline fashion as he could be seen sporting plaid sport
26 jackets, a tradition that sparked the Coleman Coliseum to be
27 dubbed the "Plaid Palace" and the Million Dollar Band members

1 as the "Plaid Players"; Coach Sanderson possessed an
2 extraordinary skill for recruiting top players; he became the
3 University of Arkansas at Little Rock Head Coach in 1994 and
4 led the Trojans to the National Invitational Tournament in
5 1996; among his accolades were selection as SEC Coach of the
6 Decade by the Lexington-Herald-Leader in the 1980s, induction
7 into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1990, and selection as
8 UNA Alumnus of the Year in 1990; and

9 WHEREAS, during his collegiate basketball career, he
10 played for Abilene Christian University for his freshman year
11 before transferring back to Florence State, where he earned
12 1,076 points and averaged 14.9 points over 72 games, served as
13 team captain, and scored 31 points during his best single-game
14 performance against Jacksonville State University in 1958; and

15 WHEREAS, through the years, Coach Sanderson has
16 earned widespread admiration and respect for his tireless
17 dedication and exceptional abilities and has positively
18 impacted the lives of countless athletes; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Coach Winfrey Sanderson is
21 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to him
22 in highest tribute, as well as with sincere best wishes for
23 continued success in all future endeavors.