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RFD:

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DESIGNATING 10TH AVENUE AND PORTIONS OF 35TH STREET IN TUSCALOOSA AS "SABAN WAY."

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2007, The University of Alabama Crimson Tide's new head football coach, Nicholas Lou Saban, Jr., stepped off a small plane at the Tuscaloosa airport; at that time, few could have possibly understood the immense impact he and his partner, Mrs. Terry Constable Saban, would have on the University, the Tuscaloosa community, and the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, almost immediately upon arrival, Nick and Terry Saban began to contribute back to the community; from instilling traditions at the University such as yelling "Roll Tide" after each first down, to safeguarding the futures of the youth of Tuscaloosa and Alabama through the creation and support of community programs, this true power couple has already left an imprint on the University, the Tuscaloosa community, and the State that will never be diminished or forgotten; and
WHEREAS, although the contributions of Nick and Terry Saban are immeasurable, we will do our best to recount them here; and

WHEREAS, one of Nick and Terry Saban's most well-known contributions, and one near to their hearts, is the creation of the Nick's Kids Foundation, named in honor of Nick Saban, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, true to its purpose and slogan of "Nick & Terry Saban Helping Children," the Nick's Kids Foundation has helped ensure a bright future for Alabama's youth by contributing over $9 million to hundreds of deserving organizations and causes, including, but certainly not limited to: career tech classrooms at the Tuscaloosa County Juvenile Detention Center, the Tuscaloosa Riverwalk Playground, renovation of the STTEP Building of Brewer Porch Children's Center, the construction of 17 Habitat for Humanity homes, and the Alberta School of Performing Arts playground; the Nick's Kids Foundation has also assisted in the construction of the Saban Center, home of the Children's Hands-On Museum, the Tuscaloosa Public Library, and the Tuscaloosa Children's Theatre, and - along with the Miracle League of Tuscaloosa - the Tuscaloosa All-Inclusive Playground; and

WHEREAS, while Coach Nick Saban and his team's accomplishments on the gridiron are no secret, they also commit their teamwork and energy to improving the community that they consider home; the Crimson Tide football team were some of the first volunteers to respond to the infamous April
11, 2009, Tuscaloosa tornado, prioritizing community recovery
efforts over their Spring practice; Coach Saban and his team
also have constructed numerous Habitat for Humanity homes in
what has become an annual tradition in the football program;
and

WHEREAS, Terry Saban has made her own mark on
history as Alabama's grand lady "Miss Terry"; in addition to
constantly finding new ways to commit her daily efforts and
her wise counsel to the community in which she lives, Terry
Saban serves as a trustee of Stillman College, a historically
black liberal arts college in Tuscaloosa; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama, the Tuscaloosa
community, and the State of Alabama are forever grateful for
the endless blessings brought by Nick and Terry Saban;
although not born here, these true public servants exhibit the
spirit of true Alabamians that transcends blood or soil, and
serve as some of the finest ambassadors this State has ever
enjoyed; and

WHEREAS, the contributions made by Nick Saban and
Terry Saban, together and separately, to the community of
Tuscaloosa are worthy of the highest lauds and honors; as
such, we pay them tribute in the highest manner possible to us
now - by engraving their name onto one of the main
thoroughfares of the city, as a symbol of the way they have
permanently made their marks in the community; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the portion of 35th Street
running from Trevor S. Phillips Avenue to Greensboro Avenue
and the entirety of 10th Avenue beginning at Greensboro Avenue
and terminating at Paul W. Bryant Drive in Tuscaloosa be named
"Saban Way" in honor of Nick Saban and Terry Saban, their
accomplishments, and their contributions to the community,
both together and individually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of
Transportation and the appropriate local officials are
directed to place the appropriate signs and markers to reflect
this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
resolution be presented to Nick Saban and Terry Saban as small
tokens of our immense gratitude and respect.