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8 ESTABLISHING THE ALABAMA SPORTS WALL OF HONOR.

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10 WHEREAS, sports historically have made a tremendous
11 impact in the State of Alabama bringing high honor, acclaim,
12 economic development, and in many cases, worldwide notoriety;
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14 WHEREAS, Alabama has a rich heritage and a powerful
15 legacy of sports achievement which inspires youth to continue
16 the dynamic athletic prowess achieved by legendary figures
17 that have hailed from towns large and small all over this
18 proud and patriotic land; and

19 WHEREAS, sports inspire and contribute to the
20 concept of individual excellence with teams being made up of
21 exceptional individuals who are well-disciplined,
22 well-rounded, and set high goals; and

23 WHEREAS, Alabama Sports Festival has, for
24 approximately 30 years, encouraged the youth of Alabama to
25 participate in sports for personal enrichment and to
26 perpetuate the sports legacy that is unique to Alabama.
27 Additionally, Alabama Sports Festival has offered many other

1 programs which strengthen the resolve of students all over
2 Alabama to avoid the pitfalls of drugs, smoking, and other
3 social ills; and

4 WHEREAS, the Governor of Alabama, the Alabama
5 Legislature, and the Alabama Governor's Commission on Physical
6 Fitness, have consistently supported the Alabama Sports
7 Festival programs allowing the youth in Alabama an opportunity
8 to participate in sports activities which contribute to the
9 overall well-being and strength of Alabama; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is hereby created the
12 Alabama Sports Wall of Honor as an activity of the Governor of
13 Alabama, the Alabama Legislature, Alabama Sports Festival, and
14 the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness, with the
15 administrative and financial responsibility being borne by
16 Alabama Sports Festival. Portraits of the honorees,
17 commissioned by Alabama Sports Festival, will be permanently
18 displayed on the Alabama Sports Wall of Honor which shall be
19 located in an appropriate area inside the Alabama State House.
20 Each year, during the opening ceremonies of the Alabama Sports
21 Festival, additional honorees will be officially inducted.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the inaugural induction
23 ceremony of the Alabama Sports Wall of Honor shall take place
24 at seven p.m., Friday, June 24, 2011, center stage at the
25 Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Arena. This event will be
26 telecast live on statewide television and the honorees will be
27 introduced and recognized for their achievements.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the inaugural class of
2 honorees shall consist of the head football coach of the
3 University of Alabama, Nick Saban, in honor of the Crimson
4 Tide's 2009 undefeated 14-0 season which resulted in a BCS
5 National Football Championship; Auburn University head
6 football coach Gene Chizik, in honor of the Tigers' 2010
7 undefeated 14-0 season which resulted in a BCS National
8 Football Championship. Additional honorees will be the 2009
9 Heisman Trophy winner, Mark Ingram of the University of
10 Alabama and the 2010 Heisman Trophy winner, Cameron Newton of
11 Auburn University, the first ever back-to-back Heisman Trophy
12 winners from the same state. Also, the 1971 Heisman Trophy
13 winner, Pat Sullivan of Auburn University and the 1985 Heisman
14 Trophy winner, Bo Jackson of Auburn University will be
15 inducted.