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8 COMMENDING COACH GREG HAMILTON ON BEING NAMED THE
9 INAUGURAL WINNER OF THE ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC
10 ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD.

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12 WHEREAS, Vina baseball coach Greg Hamilton was
13 announced as the Alabama High School Athletic Association
14 Class 1A Making a Difference Award winner at the conclusion of
15 All-Star Sports Week in Montgomery on July 15, 2011; and

16 WHEREAS, the AHSAA established the Making a
17 Difference Awards to honor coaches in each AHSAA
18 classification, not for their wins or state championships, but
19 for the positive influence they have on their players,
20 students, and community; and

21 WHEREAS, Coach Greg Hamilton was the Class 1A winner
22 in part because of his nomination letter from former player
23 Patrick McCarley, which exemplified the type of impact Coach
24 Hamilton had on his players; and

25 WHEREAS, McCarley, a 2004 graduate and pitcher on
26 the Red Devil Baseball Team, wrote of Coach Hamilton's
27 teachings about life and his personal influence on his life;

1 McCarley who is now an officer in the United States Marines
2 credits Coach Hamilton with teaching him about selflessness
3 and coachability which helped him to be a leader in the
4 Marines; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Hamilton went so far as to drive
6 McCarley 10 hours to Indiana to a recruiting visit which
7 resulted in McCarley playing college baseball at Wabash
8 College; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Hamilton in his own words was
10 "honored and humbled" to receive the award; he always strived
11 to teach his players after commencement to win in the game of
12 life; and

13 WHEREAS, McCarley came all the way from Virginia to
14 see his coach receive the award as his way of saying thanks to
15 a coach who helped shape his and many other players' lives;
16 now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we commend Coach Greg Hamilton
19 on receiving the Class 1A Alabama High School Athletic
20 Association's 2011 Making a Difference Award and direct that a
21 copy of this resolution be prepared for appropriate
22 presentation to Coach Hamilton.