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3 By Representative Merrill
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8 COMMENDING SARAH PATTERSON ON BEING NAMED TUSCALOOSA
9 COUNTY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride in conveying highest
12 commendation to Sarah Patterson, the esteemed Gymnastics Coach
13 for The University of Alabama for 35 years, in recognition of
14 being named Tuscaloosa County Citizen of the Year; and

15 WHEREAS, she was honored by the Tuscaloosa Civitan
16 Club and the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama on April 24,
17 2013, in tribute to her exceptional record of community
18 service; and

19 WHEREAS, among her many contributions, she
20 volunteers at local soup kitchens and with the Rise program,
21 which focuses on early childhood special education and child
22 development; and

23 WHEREAS, she was also actively involved in relief
24 efforts after the devastating tornado outbreak of April 2011;
25 under her guidance, the UA Gymnastics Team has participated in
26 numerous community outreach projects that were essential to
27 the recovery process; and

1 WHEREAS, she has coached six NCAA Championship
2 Gymnastics Teams since taking over the UA program in 1978, an
3 unprecedented accomplishment; and

4 WHEREAS, her leadership in the battle against breast
5 cancer is especially noteworthy; she is the primary organizer
6 of the Power of Pink initiative that has raised more than
7 \$1.35 million for the DCH Breast Cancer Fund, making a
8 difference in countless lives as a result of her vision and
9 capability; and

10 WHEREAS, through the years and in all her endeavors,
11 Sarah Patterson has earned respect for her exceptional
12 abilities and tireless dedication, and she is truly deserving
13 of the significant honor bestowed upon her; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Sarah Patterson is hereby
16 most highly commended for her outstanding contributions to the
17 community, and it is directed that a copy of this resolution
18 be provided to her with heartiest congratulations on being
19 named Tuscaloosa County Citizen of the Year and with best
20 wishes for the future.