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3 By Representative Morrow  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING COACH DONNIE ROBERTS ON BEING INDUCTED  
9 INTO THE ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Coach  
12 Donnie Roberts is congratulated on being inducted into the  
13 Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame; and

14 WHEREAS, he is one of 12 major contributors to high  
15 school athletics who have been selected to the 24th Class of  
16 the Hall of Fame; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Roberts is the highly regarded,  
18 longtime head basketball coach for the Red Bay Lady Tigers;  
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20 WHEREAS, during a coaching career spanning 41 years,  
21 he has amassed an overall record of 804 wins and 337 losses,  
22 making him the winningest coach in state history, and he is  
23 credited with being the most admired coach by his peers  
24 throughout Alabama, and

25 WHEREAS, he takes justifiable pride in having  
26 coached both his daughters on State Championship teams; and

1           WHEREAS, a Mississippi native and 1972 graduate of  
2 Delta State University, he began his coaching career at his  
3 alma mater of Tremont High School and transferred to Red Bay  
4 in 1983; his teams won 24 Franklin County Championships, 15  
5 Area Championships, four Northwest Regional Championships,  
6 three State Championships, 1987, 1993, and 2001; and finished  
7 Runner-Up in 2000, 2003, and 2011; in addition, he coached Red  
8 Bay to the Girls State 2A Track Championship in 2001, has  
9 coached softball since 1983, and has served as a football  
10 assistant coach; and

11           WHEREAS, among his accomplishments, he was inducted  
12 into the Franklin County Sports Hall of Fame and was named  
13 Class 2A Coach of the Year in 1987, 1993, 2000, and 2001; and

14           WHEREAS, through the years, he has earned respect  
15 for his exceptional abilities and unwavering commitment,  
16 instilling the values of character and sportsmanship along  
17 with the pursuit of excellence, and he is truly deserving of  
18 the significant honor bestowed upon him; now therefore,

19           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Coach Donnie Roberts is hereby  
21 most highly honored and commended, and this resolution is  
22 offered with heartiest congratulations on being inducted into  
23 the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame and with best  
24 wishes for the future.