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8 URGING AUBURN UNIVERSITY TO CLAIM NINE NATIONAL
9 CHAMPIONSHIPS IN FOOTBALL.
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11 WHEREAS, the Auburn University Tiger Football team
12 has a rich and storied history on the gridiron dating back to
13 1892, when Auburn officially began competing in
14 intercollegiate football; and

15 WHEREAS, Auburn's first claimed national
16 championship was in 1957, when Coach Shug Jordan's team
17 finished the season with a 10-0 record, with the Associated
18 Press naming the Auburn Tigers No. 1 in its postseason poll,
19 marking the school's first consensus national championship in
20 the modern era; and

21 WHEREAS, Auburn's second claimed national
22 championship was in 2010, when Coach Gene Chizik's team
23 defeated the Oregon Ducks on January 10, 2011, in the BCS
24 National Championship Game in Glendale, Arizona; and

1 WHEREAS, in addition to achieving the pinnacle of
2 success in 1957 and 2010, Auburn has demonstrated supremacy in
3 seven other football seasons; and

4 WHEREAS, the NCAA recognizes three exemplary Auburn
5 football teams in its record books: The undefeated 1913 team;
6 the 1983 team that only lost one early season game; and the
7 undefeated 1993 team coached by Terry Bowden that was
8 ineligible for postseason play; and

9 WHEREAS, the Auburn football team also proved itself
10 to be the best team in the nation in 1910, 1914, 1958, and
11 2004; and

12 WHEREAS, all nine of these special seasons are held
13 close in the hearts of Auburn coaches, players, and fans and
14 should be embraced by the university as championship seasons;
15 now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we call upon Auburn University
18 to officially claim nine national championships in football to
19 rightfully reflect the esteemed achievements and success of
20 the Auburn University football program.