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8 RECOGNIZING OZZIE NEWSOME FOR HIS OUTSTANDING  
9 INTEGRITY, CHARACTER, AND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS.  
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11 WHEREAS, Ozzie Newsome, a native of Colbert County,  
12 exhibited his exceptional athletic talent by winning state  
13 championships in football, basketball, and baseball while a  
14 student at Colbert County High School; and

15 WHEREAS, Ozzie Newsome started all four years of his  
16 college career at The University of Alabama while playing for  
17 the great Bear Bryant, and by the time he graduated, had  
18 earned the nickname, the "Wizard of Oz"; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1978, he was drafted by the Cleveland  
20 Browns as a tight end and was named the Brown's Offensive  
21 Player of the Year his rookie year; and

22 WHEREAS, throughout his professional playing career,  
23 Ozzie Newsome played through injuries and never missed a game,  
24 contributing to his winning the Ed Block Courage Award, which  
25 honors those National Football League players who exemplify  
26 commitment to the principles of sportsmanship and courage; and

1                   WHEREAS, in 1990, Mr. Newsome was awarded the Byron  
2 "Whizzer" White NFL Man of the Year Award as the NFL player  
3 who best served his team, community, and country; and

4                   WHEREAS, he is an inductee of the Pro Football Hall  
5 of Fame, in addition to being a member of the College Football  
6 Hall of Fame, Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, the National High  
7 School Sports Hall of Fame, and the Little League Hall of  
8 Excellence; and

9                   WHEREAS, while serving as the first Black General  
10 Manager of a professional football team in NFL history, he is  
11 the architect behind the Baltimore Ravens' two Super Bowl  
12 Championships; now therefore,

13                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
14 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition of his  
15 outstanding integrity, character, and exceptional lifetime  
16 achievements, our highest commendations are hereby extended to  
17 Ozzie Newsome, a native Alabamian of whom we are justly proud  
18 and sincerely respect and upon whom we wish continuing success  
19 in all his future endeavors.