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6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders,
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8 COMMENDING TROY UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM
9 AS 2017 SUN BELT CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to the Troy University Women's
13 Basketball Team on winning the 2017 Sun Belt Conference
14 Championship; and

15 WHEREAS, the Troy University Women's Basketball Team
16 competes at the NCAA Division I level as a proud member of the
17 Sun Belt Conference; and

18 WHEREAS, on March 12, 2017, the Lady Trojans
19 defeated the University of Louisiana-Lafayette 78-64 at
20 Lakefront Arena in New Orleans, Louisiana, to capture its
21 second consecutive Sun Belt Conference Championship to earn a
22 berth in the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament; and

23 WHEREAS, senior Claresa Banks and sophomore La'Tia
24 Fils-Aime' of the Trojans were named to the All Tournament
25 Team and the Trojans' Caitlyn Ramirez, a senior, was named the
26 tournament's most outstanding player; and

1 WHEREAS, the team's championship roster also
2 consists of seniors Jayla Chills, Lauren Day, Kristen Emerson,
3 Ta'Kierra Gibbs, and Arjae' Saunders; juniors Amanda Mendoza
4 and Dajia Williams; sophomore Amahni Upshaw; and freshmen
5 Jessie Day, Amber Rivers, Kayla Robinson, and Harriet
6 Winchester; and

7 WHEREAS, the Trojans are led capably by Head Coach
8 Chanda Rigby, whose Trojan teams have posted three consecutive
9 seasons of 20 wins or more since she was named head coach five
10 seasons ago, including this season's 22-11 record; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Rigby's outstanding staff is composed
12 of Jennifer Graf, associate head coach; Courtney Simmons,
13 assistant coach; Neil Harrow, assistant coach; Janea Carnley,
14 director of operations; Shannon Lemons, strength and
15 conditioning coach; Cherise Crisman, trainer; Wes Johnson,
16 sports information; and Yasmine Sturdivant and Keona
17 Dejarnett, managers; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Coach Rigby and her team are
20 commended for winning the 2017 Sun Belt Conference Basketball
21 Tournament, thus earning a berth in the 2017 NCAA tournament
22 and in the process representing the State of Alabama in an
23 exemplary manner and it is further directed that the team
24 receive a copy of this resolution as evidence of our
25 appreciation.