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8 RECOGNIZING DWIGHT EISENHOWER HOWARD FOR BEING
9 INDUCTED INTO THE J.F. SHIELDS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and special pleasure
12 that we recognize Dwight "Ike" Eisenhower Howard for being
13 inducted into the J.F. Shields Athletic Hall of Fame; and

14 WHEREAS, a native of Monroe County, Alabama, Dwight
15 "Ike" Eisenhower Howard was born in Beatrice on June 23, 1951,
16 to Willie Lawrence Howard and Loretta Rushton Howard; and

17 WHEREAS, from 1966 to 1969, Ike Howard participated
18 in baseball and track, and he played quarterback and defensive
19 back on the football team at Monroe County Training School;
20 his coaches were W.R. Averett and Larry Robinson; in 1967, the
21 football team was the first team in school history to play in
22 a postseason game; that same year, he became the starting
23 quarterback, and he went on to be the starting quarterback in
24 1968 and 1969 as well; in 1969, the team had its first
25 undefeated season; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1970, after graduating from Monroe
27 County Training School, he enrolled at Alabama State

1 University; in 1974, he graduated from college, earning a
2 Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Biology and a minor
3 in Chemistry; and

4 WHEREAS, after his college graduation, Ike Howard
5 was employed by the Tallapoosa County Board of Education as a
6 science teacher, a basketball coach, and Athletic Director at
7 Edward Bell School in Camp Hill, Alabama, until 1987; and

8 WHEREAS, Ike Howard's extensive coaching career
9 lasted for over 25 years; he coached boys junior high and
10 varsity basketball at Edward Bell School and girls junior high
11 and varsity basketball at Loachapoka High School, as well as
12 boys junior high basketball; also, he was the assistant coach
13 for boys varsity basketball, football, and baseball; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1977, he married Bernice Richardson
15 Howard, and they have three daughters, Candace, Crystal, and
16 Cokie, and two grandchildren, Miquisha and Kaleb; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1976, Mr. Howard enrolled in graduate
18 school at Alabama State University, earning his M.Ed. Degree
19 in 1981; upon earning his M.Ed., he participated in numerous
20 academic programs to further his education; in 1997, he earned
21 his MS/Principal K12 and his Ed.S. in Administration from Troy
22 State University; and

23 WHEREAS, while working in the Lee County School
24 System, he was an active member and past president of the Lee
25 County Education Association; in 2012, he retired from the Lee
26 County Board of Education as a science teacher at Loachapoka
27 High School; and

1 WHEREAS, Ike Howard's extensive list of experience
2 and accomplishments continues to grow; he is a member of the
3 100 Black Men of America, Inc., Kappa Delta Pi International
4 Honor Society in Education, Deacon Board of Ebenzer Missionary
5 Baptist Church in Auburn, Alabama, Board Vice President of
6 Summer Hill Community Development Corporation, Commission on
7 Crime for the City of Opelika, Alabama, and Free and Accepted
8 Mason of Alabama, Past Worshipful Master; and

9 WHEREAS, he has received various awards and special
10 recognitions, including Who's Who Among America's Teachers in
11 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2005; Metropolitan Who's Who in Opelika,
12 Alabama; Outstanding Young Man of America; Teacher of the Year
13 for Loachapoka High School; Lee County Board of Education
14 Community Service Award; Tip-Top Teacher for Lee County School
15 System; Alabama Teacher of the Year Nominee; Alabama Science
16 Teacher of the Year Nominee; and Jacksonville State University
17 Teacher Hall of Fame Nominee; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Howard's hard work, dedication, and
19 talent have truly paid off, and he is an inspiration to many;
20 now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we extend heartiest
23 commendations and congratulations to Dwight "Ike" Eisenhower
24 Howard for being inducted into the J.F. Shields Athletic Hall
25 of Fame, and this resolution is dedicated to him in utmost
26 esteem.