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2 By Representatives Smith, Baker, Chestnut, Lawrence

3 RFD: RULES

4 First Read: 22-Mar-23

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6 2023 Regular Session



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 HJR___ COMMENDING COACH WILLIAM EARL GRIFFIN FOR BEING
5 INDUCTED INTO THE ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF
6 FAME.

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8 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
9 conveyed to Coach William Earl Griffin for being inducted
10 into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Griffin is a native of Clanton,
12 Alabama, and a 1960 graduate of Verbena High School; during
13 his high school years, he excelled in all sports and earned
14 All County honors in baseball, football, and basketball; he
15 also excelled in Babe Ruth Baseball and American Legion
16 Baseball; upon high school graduation, Major League Baseball
17 Scout, Dixie Walker, offered him a \$1,000 signing bonus to
18 play for the Milwaukee Braves, but he decided to attend
19 college instead; Coach Griffin earned a Bachelor's Degree
20 from Auburn University in 1964 and a Master's Degree in
21 Administration from The University of Montevallo; and

22 WHEREAS, from 1964 until his retirement in 2000, Coach
23 Griffin was labeled by some as Mr. Dallas County High
24 School; he began his career at Dallas County High School in
25 1964 as a math and physical education teacher while also



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26 coaching football, baseball, basketball, and track; he never
27 had a losing record, led the football team to its first
28 winning seasons in seven years, had nine All-State players,
29 had an overall record of 91-39-6, and had a region record of
30 16-5; he received numerous Coach of the Year honors for his
31 astounding guidance and leadership; and

32 WHEREAS, some of Coach Griffin's other notable
33 achievements during his coaching career include winning the
34 Alabama High School Athletic Association Class 1A/2A State
35 Baseball Championship in 1970; making the Alabama High
36 School Athletic Association Class 3A State Baseball
37 Semifinals in 1975 and 1976; having the baseball field and
38 field house named in his honor; and serving as an official
39 with the Central Alabama Football Officials Association, the
40 Dallas County Umpires Association, the Selma Football and
41 Basketball Officials Association, the Chilton Baseball
42 Umpires Association, and the Chilton County Softball Umpires
43 Association; and

44 WHEREAS, a man of unwavering diligence who is
45 passionate about teaching and guiding others, Coach Griffin
46 is an inspiration and friend to many; now therefore,

47 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
48 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Coach William Earl Griffin
49 is highly commended for being inducted into the Alabama High
50 School Sports Hall of Fame, and we hereby dedicate this



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51 resolution to him with utmost admiration, along with sincere
52 best wishes for continued happiness and success in all
53 future endeavors.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 23-MAR-23.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

02-May-23

Adopted