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HJR\_\_\_ COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COACH KATE WOOD FOR BEING NAMED THE STATE OF ALABAMA'S 2023 VOLLEYBALL COACH OF THE YEAR BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, highest commendations and congratulations are conveyed to Coach Kate Wood, head coach for McGill-Toolen Catholic High School's Dirty Dozen volleyball team, for being named the State of Alabama's 2023 Volleyball Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wood is a native of Arlington, Texas, and attended Lamar High School (LHS) where she helped lead the team to its first state playoffs; during her high school career, she earned the Newcomer of the Year Award in 1992, 1st Team All District in 1992, 1993, and 1994, and All Area Team in 1994; she was named to the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram's Super Team in 1994; she matriculated to Troy State University in Alabama on a scholarship where she was named to the 2nd Team All Conference in her sophomore year; in 1997, she returned to Texas to play at the University of Texas at Arlington; in 1998, she was a starter on the Southland Conference Champion team that went 19-1 in conference play; that same year, she earned the Coaches Leadership Award; and



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29           WHEREAS, after great success on the court both in  
30 high school and college, Mrs. Wood began her professional  
31 career as the Junior Varsity Coach at her alma mater; she  
32 was promoted to head coach, and in six seasons LHS reached  
33 the playoffs in the highest classification in Texas; in  
34 2010, Coach Wood was named District Coach of the Year, and  
35 the team claimed a district championship; and under her  
36 leadership, LHS set a school record by reaching the Elite 8;  
37 Coach Wood's club teams have also earned many prestigious  
38 awards; Texas Advantage Volleyball was ranked the #1 club in  
39 Texas for nine straight years and was ranked the #1 club  
40 nationally in 2013; and

41           WHEREAS, Coach Wood came to McGill-Toolen Catholic  
42 High School in 2014 and took on the role of head coach for  
43 the legendary volleyball team, the Dirty Dozen; in the 10  
44 years she has been with the school, Coach Wood has led the  
45 team to the final four every year; the team earned three  
46 runner-up finishes and four State Titles in 2017, 2018,  
47 2022, and 2023; the win in November was the program's 23rd  
48 State Title; under Coach Wood, the Dirty Dozen has amassed  
49 414 victories and only 85 losses; and 20 of her players have  
50 gone on to play at the collegiate level; she also operates a  
51 successful club of 28 teams in age divisions 11U-18U, 17 of  
52 which have qualified for the USA Volleyball Junior National  
53 Tournament, and many more have competed in the Amateur  
54 Athletic Union Volleyball National Championships; and

55           WHEREAS, McGill-Toolen Catholic High School holds the  
56 second most state championships in state history; as head



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57 coach, Mrs. Wood has continued the legacy of this beloved  
58 team, the Dirty Dozen, and its success during her tenure has  
59 been coined, The Decade of Dominance; now therefore,

60 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
61 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Coach Kate Wood is highly  
62 commended for her achievement of being named the National  
63 Federation of State High School Associations 2023 State of  
64 Alabama's Volleyball Coach of the Year, and this resolution  
65 is offered to her as evidence of our high esteem with best  
66 wishes for continued success and prosperity.