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HR_____ COMMENDING GABE HIXENBAUGH ON WINNING THE NCAA DIVISION II 133-POUND WRESTLING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WHILE REPRESENTING THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, highest commendations and congratulations are conveyed to Gabe Hixenbaugh, a native son of Alabaster, Alabama, on winning the National College Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II 133-pound Wrestling National Championship while representing the University of Montevallo on March 16, 2024, at Hartman Arena in Park City, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the win makes Gabe Hixenbaugh the first-ever National Champion of any sport in Division II history at Montevallo and completes the wrestling program's inaugural season; and

WHEREAS, in the final match of the championship against defending champion Gavin Quiocho of Glenville State, Hixenbaugh recorded a crucial three-point takedown near the end of the first period; Quiocho grabbed an escape point for the lone point of the second period as Hixenbaugh led 3-1; with the National Title hanging in the balance, Hixenbaugh quickly scored an escape point of his own as the third period began and held Quiocho scoreless the rest of the way to earn the 4-1 decision win and the National Title; and

WHEREAS, Gabe Hixenbaugh's historic season comes to



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29 an end with a 31-0 record and 14 wins over ranked opponents;
30 he has decisively earned a spot on the All-American team;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, the path to the finals for Gabe Hixenbaugh
33 saw a tech fall win in the first round, a major decision in
34 the quarterfinals, a buzzer-beating decision win in the
35 semis, and a win by decision in the finals; and

36 WHEREAS, before coming to Montevallo, Gabe Hixenbaugh
37 won five individual state championships for Thompson High
38 School, becoming the second-winningest wrestler in program
39 history with a 249-16 record, wrestling on three state
40 championship teams and winning the Junior Nationals; and

41 WHEREAS, he then wrestled in Division I for four
42 years with Campbell University, earning SoCon All-Freshman
43 Team honors in 2021 and finishing 17-1 in his senior season;
44 and

45 WHEREAS, Hixenbaugh used his graduate transfer to
46 come to Montevallo to help build the first-year program,
47 pursue his master's degree, and wrestle close to his
48 hometown; and

49 WHEREAS, the occasion of Gabe Hixenbaugh winning the
50 NCAA 133-pound Division II Wrestling Championship while
51 representing the University of Montevallo is an
52 accomplishment to be celebrated; his single-minded
53 dedication, strong desire for success, constant training,
54 and tireless and diligent efforts to achieve excellence
55 serve as a valuable example to young athletes across the
56 country and in his home state of Alabama; now therefore,



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57 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
58 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we highly commend and
59 congratulate Gabe Hixenbaugh for his outstanding NCAA
60 Division II wrestling season and for winning the National
61 Championship while representing the University of Montevallo
62 in the first year of the program, and we hereby dedicate
63 this resolution to him with utmost admiration, along with
64 sincere best wishes for continued success.