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3 By Senator Melson
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR____ COMMENDING DREW STUTTS ON BEING NAMED NATIONAL
5 ASSOCIATION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS 2024 COACH OF THE
6 YEAR.

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8 WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to extend
9 commendations and congratulations to Coach Drew Stutts of
10 Freed-Hardeman University on his selection as the 2024 Coach
11 of the Year by the National Association of Intercollegiate
12 Athletics (NAIA); and

13 WHEREAS, hailing from Florence, Alabama, Stutts honed
14 his basketball prowess at Mars Hill Bible School during his
15 high school years; his collegiate journey began at Northwest
16 Shoals Community College before he transferred to the
17 University of North Alabama, where he not only showcased his
18 skills on the basketball court, but also diligently pursued
19 his degree in Physical Education, graduating in 2011; and

20 WHEREAS, five years ago, President David Shannon and
21 Athletic Director Mike McCutchen afforded Stutts, an
22 unproven coach, the opportunity to showcase his true value
23 to the Freed-Hardeman University (FHU) basketball program; he
24 surpassed expectations with resounding success; his
25 colleagues' belief in him outweighed his own self-doubt; and

26 WHEREAS, in his illustrious fifth season at the helm
27 of the FHU Lions, Coach Stutts stands as a beacon of
28 excellence; he proudly holds the record as the fastest FHU



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29 men's basketball head coach to notch an impressive 50 wins;
30 additionally, this season, he clinched a share of the
31 Mid-South Conference regular season title and triumphantly
32 secured the tournament title; and

33 WHEREAS, chief among his coaching accomplishments,
34 Coach Stutts is hailed for his extraordinary achievement in
35 steering the Lions to a remarkable 32-4 record and securing
36 the first National Championship in the school's history; and

37 WHEREAS, Coach Stutts has high praise for his players
38 and their perseverance on and off the court; he instills in
39 them the belief that with God's guidance, any feat is
40 attainable; his mantra, "It's not one guy, it's the team,"
41 serves as a constant reminder of the collective strength and
42 unity required to achieve success; now therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
44 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we heartily congratulate
45 Coach Drew Stutts, the National Association of
46 Intercollegiate Athletics 2024 Coach of the Year, and this
47 resolution is offered in highest tribute to him, along with
48 heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the future.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

Passed: 30-Apr-24

By: Senator Melson