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SJR\_\_\_ COMMENDING JAMES MICHAEL MURPHY ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE ALABAMA SPORTS OFFICIALS HALL OF FAME, CLASS OF 2024.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, highest commendations and congratulations are conveyed to our friend and colleague, James Michael "Mike" Murphy on his induction into the Alabama Sports Officials Hall of Fame, Class of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mike Murphy served for more than 35 years in basketball officiating at both the high school and collegiate levels; he also worked in baseball officiating for eight years; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Capital City Basketball Officials Association, Mike Murphy served as a board member and assigner for many years and worked in numerous Alabama High School Athletic Association state basketball tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Mike joined the Gulf South Conference (GSC), known as one of the most respected Division II conferences in the United States; he later became the conference's Supervisor of Officials for both men's and women's basketball; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Mr. Murphy had the pleasure of working with fellow Hall of Fame members, Paul Andrzejewski and Bill Gauldin, when Troy University set a National



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29 Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) scoring record of  
30 258 points and beat DeVry University who scored 141 points;  
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32 WHEREAS, Mike also worked the NCAA Division II Elite  
33 Eight in Louisville, along with several GSC tournament  
34 finals and Alabama Junior College tournament finals; and

35 WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy was a member of the Sunshine  
36 States, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Trans  
37 America Athletic Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference,  
38 Mid-American Conference, and Southwestern Athletic  
39 Conference; and

40 WHEREAS, Mike Murphy was instrumental in bringing  
41 women into basketball officiating, including Mary Day, a  
42 member of the Hall of Fame Class of 2019, and five other  
43 women; she credits him with changing her life by encouraging  
44 her to be involved as an officiant; and

45 WHEREAS, Mike Murphy is a graduate of W.A. Berry High  
46 School and the University of Montevallo; he was the Public  
47 Relations Officer of the Alabama Senate for 37 years from  
48 1984 to 2021; after retirement, Mike returned and works  
49 part-time as a Senate Chamber Front Desk Clerk; he has been  
50 married to Joy Murphy for 37 years and they share three  
51 children and 10 grandchildren; now therefore,

52 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
53 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mike Murphy is heartily  
54 congratulated and commended for being inducted into the  
55 Alabama Sports Officials Hall of Fame, Class of 2024, and  
56 this resolution is offered to him as evidence of our high



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57 regard with best wishes for continued health, prosperity,  
58 and success.