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3 By Representatives Bracy, Jones, Drummond, Clarke
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 18-Mar-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

2 CONGRATULATING BEN HARRIS FOR BEING INDUCTED INTO THE
3 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME.

4 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
5 are hereby presented to Coach Ben Harris for his induction
6 into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame as a
7 Member of the Class of 2025; and

8 WHEREAS, the induction ceremony will take place on
9 June 14, 2025, in Canton, Ohio, the birthplace of
10 professional football and home to the Pro Football Hall of
11 Fame; Coach Harris's inclusion in this elite group, which
12 includes legends like Warren Moon, Ray Lewis, and Michael
13 Vick, underscores his extraordinary legacy in the sport; and

14 WHEREAS, a product of Toulminville High School in
15 Mobile, Alabama, and a former quarterback at Alabama State
16 University, Coach Harris's journey from player to coach
17 exemplifies the profound impact one individual can have on
18 the game; his most significant coaching achievement came
19 during his tenure at Blount High School in Prichard,
20 Alabama, where he orchestrated a stunning turnaround of a
21 program that had struggled for years; and

22 WHEREAS, Coach Harris's arrival at Blount in 1988
23 marked the beginning of a new era; in his first season, the
24 Leopards posted a 6-6 record, including the school's
25 first-ever playoff win; over the next decade, Ben Harris's
26 teams would become a powerhouse in Alabama high school
27 football, winning four state championships (1990, 1992,
28 1996, and 1997) and earning eight regional titles; and



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29 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Blount compiled a
30 remarkable 100-30 record, with a playoff mark of 30-5; his
31 success helped solidify Blount High School as one of the
32 premier programs in the state, with runner-up finishes in
33 1991 and 1995 rounding out his legacy; and

34 WHEREAS, Ben Harris's coaching career went beyond
35 just wins and losses; it was about building character and
36 empowering young athletes; his influence extended to both
37 his players and the broader community; and

38 WHEREAS, recognized as a leader on and off the field,
39 he was named Mobile County Citizen of the Year in 1996, and
40 was selected Blount High School Teacher of the Year in 1992;
41 he also received multiple accolades for his coaching
42 prowess, including being named Coach of the Year by the
43 Alabama Sports Writers Association in 1990 and 1997; his
44 coaching accomplishments were further celebrated when he was
45 named the NFL High School Coach of the Year in 1998; and

46 WHEREAS, following his back-to-back state titles at
47 Blount in 1996 and 1997, Harris transitioned to a coaching
48 role at his alma mater, Alabama State University, where he
49 served as an assistant coach for five years and briefly as
50 interim head coach; he later returned to high school
51 football at Daleville in 2000, before returning to Blount
52 for his final coaching stint from 2003-2008; and

53 WHEREAS, Coach Harris's remarkable career has earned
54 him induction into the Alabama High School Athletic
55 Association (AHSAA) Hall of Fame, the Alabama State
56 Athletics Hall of Fame, the Baldwin County Hall of Fame, as



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57 well as the Mobile Sports Hall of Fame, cementing his place
58 in Alabama's football history; now therefore,

59 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
60 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Coach Ben Harris, a
61 transformative figure in Alabama high school football, is
62 heartily commended and congratulated for earning a place in
63 the 2025 National High School Football Hall of Fame, and
64 this resolution is offered to him in highest regard and with
65 warm wishes for continued success in all his 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 01-Apr-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

03-Apr-25

Adopted