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4 HJR___ CONGRATULATING THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL
5 TEAM FOR MAKING THE PROGRAM'S SECOND APPEARANCE IN THE NCAA
6 DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL FOUR.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and special pleasure
9 that highest commendations and congratulations are herein
10 conveyed to the Auburn University Men's Basketball Team for
11 achieving the program's second appearance in the National
12 Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's
13 Basketball Championship Final Four; and

14 WHEREAS, the head coach of the Auburn Tigers, Bruce
15 Pearl, has established Auburn into a powerhouse men's
16 basketball program that commands the respect of the college
17 basketball world; since Coach Pearl arrived at Auburn, he
18 has led Auburn to three Southeastern Conference (SEC)
19 regular season titles in 2018, 2022, and 2025, two SEC
20 tournament championships in 2019 and 2024, six NCAA
21 tournament appearances in 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024, as
22 well as 2025; and this year, Coach Pearl led the Tigers to
23 the program's second Final Four appearance in San Antonio,
24 Texas; and

25 WHEREAS, the Auburn University Men's Basketball Team
26 was the No. 1 overall seed after a historic season; the
27 Tigers set a program record for wins in a single season, won
28 the SEC regular season title, spent eight weeks atop the



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29 Associated Press Poll, crowned a new all-time winningest
30 player, and a new all-time winningest coach; and

31 WHEREAS, after Auburn's historic regular season
32 accomplishments, their success continued into the NCAA
33 tournament; the Tigers started their tournament run by
34 beating Alabama State University by a score of 83-63; in the
35 Round of 32, Auburn defeated the Creighton Bluejays by a
36 score of 82-70; the Tigers continued winning when they beat
37 the University of Michigan by a score of 78-65; in the Elite
38 8, Auburn was victorious against the No. 2 seed Michigan
39 State Spartans by a score of 70-64; the Tigers made it to
40 the final weekend of competition, the Final Four, but fell
41 to the Florida Gators by a score of 73-79; now therefore,

42 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
43 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Auburn University Men's
44 Basketball Team, Coach Bruce Pearl, and the entire Auburn
45 Family are honored and commended, and this resolution is
46 offered in highest tribute, along with sincere best wishes
47 for continued success in all future endeavors.