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HR_____ COMMENDING RYAN SANDERSON ON HIS SELECTION AS THE ALABAMA SPORTS WRITERS ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH OF THE YEAR.

WHEREAS, with very special pleasure, Ryan Sanderson is heartily commended for being named by the Alabama Sports Writers Association (ASWA) as the Class 1A Girls Basketball Coach of the Year for the 2024-2025 season, and we find it necessary and proper to honor him for his many accomplishments and efforts for the betterment of Alabama students both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, hailing from Brilliant, Alabama, Ryan Sanderson graduated from Brilliant School in 2007; he holds a Bachelor of Science in Special Education from Athens State University and a Master of Arts in Education Instructional Leadership from the University of North Alabama; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Mr. Sanderson accepted a position teaching secondary special education at Brilliant School, and he remained in that role until he assumed his current position as Assistant Principal; and

WHEREAS, he coached the Varsity Boys Basketball Team from 2016-2022; his first season coaching the team yielded a record of 0-29, but under his expert leadership, his final season was 15-10, with one sub-regional appearance in 2020; and



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29 WHEREAS, Coach Sanderson has coached the Varsity
30 Girls Basketball Team from 2020-Present; since the beginning
31 of his tenure, the team has shown continual growth and
32 improvement; his first season record was 3-17; they made a
33 sub-regional appearance the following season with an 18-12
34 record; and in 2024-2025 the season record was 24-12, which
35 is tied for the most wins in a season for the Varsity Girls
36 Team; and

37 WHEREAS, led by Coach Sanderson, the team made
38 history this year by becoming the first team from Brilliant
39 School, one of the smallest schools in the state, to ever
40 play for the state championship in any sport; the team ended
41 its historic season as runner-up in the 1A AHSAA State
42 Championship game; and

43 WHEREAS, Coach Sanderson has not only encouraged each
44 player to develop his or her talents to the fullest, but he
45 has also instilled in each student a valuable sense of
46 determination, perseverance, camaraderie, and school spirit;
47 his tireless dedication and exceptional ability has earned
48 him the genuine respect and admiration of many; and

49 WHEREAS, with athletic competition playing such an
50 important role in the total education of our young people,
51 we are overjoyed to pay tribute to Coach Ryan Sanderson; his
52 knowledge and integrity have brought pride to the Brilliant
53 School community; now therefore,

54 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
55 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we heartily congratulate Ryan
56 Sanderson, the Alabama Sports Writers Association Class 1A



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57 Girls Basketball Coach of the Year for the 2024-2025 season,
58 and this resolution is offered in highest tribute to him,
59 along with heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the
60 future.