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HR_____ COMMENDING COACH RICKY KNIGHT FOR PROFESSIONAL
ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
presented to Coach Ricky Knight on the joyous occasion of
his retirement from Lurleen B. Wallace Community College
(LBW); and

WHEREAS, Coach Ricky Knight has dedicated an
extraordinary 40 years to LBW as the head coach of the men's
and women's basketball teams, demonstrating a profound
commitment to excellence both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, Coach Knight's professional basketball
career as a player took him overseas, where he competed
internationally in Spain, Brazil, Australia, and Argentina,
before transitioning to coaching as an assistant at The
University of Alabama in Huntsville and ultimately joining
LBW in 1985; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career at LBW, Coach Knight
has achieved remarkable success, including leading the
women's basketball team to two state championships and
multiple national tournament appearances; he guided both the
men's and women's teams to numerous conference championships
and earned a variety of coaching awards such as NJCAA Region
22 Coach of the Year and Birmingham Tip-Off Club Junior
College Coach of the Year; and



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29 WHEREAS, Coach Knight's leadership extended beyond
30 athletic achievements, as he developed LBW's athletic
31 program into one of the most respected in the region and
32 mentored countless student-athletes who have gone on to
33 excel in basketball and in their personal and professional
34 lives; and

35 WHEREAS, Coach Knight's dedication, integrity, and
36 exemplary leadership have left an indelible mark on LBW and
37 the surrounding community, creating a lasting legacy of
38 excellence in athletics and academics; and

39 WHEREAS, LBW will honor Coach Knight for his
40 distinguished career and celebrate his retirement on
41 February 17, 2025, prior to the final home basketball game
42 of the season at Seth Hammett Gymnasium; and

43 WHEREAS, we wish Coach Knight a fulfilling and
44 well-deserved retirement as he embarks on this new chapter
45 of his life, confident that his legacy will continue to
46 inspire future generations of student-athletes and coaches;
47 now therefore,

48 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
49 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Coach Ricky Knight is heartily
50 congratulated for his many wins, and this resolution is
51 offered to him with deep gratitude and highest regard along
52 with best wishes for health and happiness in his retirement.