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3 By Senators Carnley, Allen, Chesteen, Albritton, Barfoot,  
4 Beasley, Bell, Butler, Chambliss, Coleman, Coleman-Madison,  
5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Hovey, Jones,  
6 Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts,  
7 Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart, Stutts,  
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Williams

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SJR\_\_\_ COMMENDING LEGENDARY TROY UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL COACH,  
LARRY BLAKENEY, FOR BEING ENSHRINED INTO THE COLLEGE  
FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME, CLASS OF 2025.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, Troy  
University's winningest coach, Larry Blakeney, is highly  
commended and congratulated for being enshrined into the  
College Football Hall of Fame, Class of 2025; the event will  
take place during the 37th National Football Foundation  
Awards Dinner; and

WHEREAS, Birmingham, Alabama, native and former  
Auburn quarterback under Shug Jordan, Coach Larry Blakeney,  
is the all-time winningest coach in both Troy University  
(TROY) and Sun Belt Conference (SBC) history, holding a  
20-win advantage over the next closest competitor; he now  
becomes the first-ever player or coach in TROY or SBC  
history to enter the College Football Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, some of Coach Blakeney's career achievements  
include: a career record of 178-113-1, winning 61.1 percent  
of his games in his 24 seasons at TROY; guiding the Trojans  
to seven Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoff  
appearances in eight seasons; leading the Trojans to five  
bowl games and securing victories in 2006 and 2010; guiding  
TROY to eight conference championships, including three in  
the Southland Conference (SLC), before achieving an SBC



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29 record of five consecutive titles from 2006-2010; and  
30 WHEREAS, Coach Blakeney led TROY'S transition from  
31 NCAA Division II to Division I in 1993 at the FCS level and  
32 further led the Trojans to the Football Bowl Subdivision  
33 (FBS) in 2002; he is one of only two coaches to lead a  
34 program from Division II to the FBS, a feat that earned him  
35 many accolades during its progression; he was named  
36 conference Coach of the Year twice each in the SLC and SBC  
37 and two-time American Football Coaches Association Regional  
38 Coach of the Year; he has been inducted into the Wiregrass  
39 Sports Hall of Fame, the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, and  
40 the inaugural class of the Troy University Sports Hall of  
41 Fame; now therefore,

42 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
43 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Coach Larry Blakeney, a  
44 legend of the Troy University Football Program, is highly  
45 commended and congratulated for his well-earned and historic  
46 induction into the College Football Hall of Fame, and this  
47 resolution is offered to him with our highest regard and  
48 best wishes for continued health, happiness, and prosperity.