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HJR___ COMMENDING RON INGRAM FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS OF DEDICATION TO ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, Ron Ingram is highly commended for his dedication to the coverage of high school sports and the promotion of education-based athletics throughout Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Ron Ingram recently retired as communications director of the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA), which regulates and governs interscholastic athletics to support educational goals, enhance student learning, and promote sportsmanship, safety, and values through fair competition; the association serves more than 400 member schools by establishing rules for eligibility, contests, and officiating, and it has conducted education-based athletic championships for boys and girls throughout the State of Alabama since its founding in 1921; and

WHEREAS, Ron Ingram has been involved in Alabama high school athletics for more than 50 years as a newspaper reporter, editor, columnist, and AHSAA communications director; and

WHEREAS, Ron Ingram competed in football, baseball, basketball, and track at Pike County High School in Brundidge, where he also became a student journalist before



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29 graduating in 1970; he later studied at Troy University and
30 graduated from The University of Alabama; and

31 WHEREAS, Ron Ingram began his professional journalism
32 career as sports editor of *The Dothan Progress* in 1975,
33 moved to *The Dothan Eagle* in 1982, became high school sports
34 editor at *The Birmingham News* in 1984, where he remained
35 until joining the AHSAA staff in 2007, and served as
36 communications director of the AHSAA from 2007 through 2025;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, while at *The Dothan Progress*, Ron Ingram
39 created a statewide All-State football team, which
40 eventually evolved into the Alabama Sports Writers
41 Association (ASWA) All-State Teams for football, boys and
42 girls basketball, baseball, and softball; he also worked
43 tirelessly to establish the ASWA Mr. Football Award in 1982,
44 a program that later expanded to include Mr. and Miss
45 Basketball, Mr. Baseball, and Miss Softball, honoring the
46 state's top player in each sport; and

47 WHEREAS, Ron Ingram also helped popularize girls'
48 high school sports by covering them with the same passion he
49 devoted to football, baseball, and boys basketball; and

50 WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished journalism
51 career, Ron Ingram received numerous honors, including the
52 ASWA Herby Kirby Award for Story of the Year in 1987 and the
53 ASWA Bill Shelton Award in 2006, which recognizes those who
54 exemplify professionalism and contribute significantly to
55 sports in Alabama; and

56 WHEREAS, Ron Ingram has been inducted into the



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57 Wiregrass Sports Hall of Fame, the ASWA Hall of Fame, and
58 the AHSAA Hall of Fame; he was also honored by the Alabama
59 Sports Hall of Fame with the Mel Allen Media Award for
60 meritorious service in 2017; and

61 WHEREAS, Ron Ingram spent countless hours compiling
62 scores, highlights, and records to spotlight the
63 accomplishments of high school athletes across the State of
64 Alabama; now therefore,

65 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
66 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is both a privilege and
67 an honor to offer this resolution to Ron Ingram to recognize
68 his immense achievements and to express sincere appreciation
69 for his more than 50 years of dedication to promoting and
70 highlighting Alabama high school sports.