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2 G35AP26-2
3 By Representatives Blackshear, Gray, Forte
4 RFD: Rules
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 COMMENDING CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WOMEN'S
4 BASKETBALL TEAM.

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6 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature takes great pride in
7 recognizing outstanding accomplishments by our state's
8 students and athletes; and

9 WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 season marked a historic
10 milestone for the Chattahoochee Valley Community College
11 Lady Pirates Basketball Team, as the team captured its
12 first-ever Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) State
13 Championship with a hard-fought victory over Snead State;
14 the Lady Pirates dominated the ACCC Division II conference,
15 completing a perfect 12-0 regular season and securing the
16 Regular Season Championship; and

17 WHEREAS, this remarkable run continued as the team
18 claimed the program's first Gulf South District Championship
19 with a win over Palm Beach State College, earning a berth in
20 the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA)
21 Division II National Tournament in Joplin, Missouri; at the
22 national tournament, the Lady Pirates secured their
23 first-ever tournament victory with a 19-point win over
24 Bryant & Stratton Community College, finishing the season
25 with an impressive 22-8 record; and

26 WHEREAS, individual honors highlighted the team's
27 success; freshman standout Zy Thompson earned NJCAA Third
28 Team All-American honors and First Team All-Conference



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29 recognition, while freshman guard Aaliyah Younger was named
30 Second Team All-Conference; five players advanced to
31 four-year institutions, including Zy Thompson (UT Martin),
32 Aaliyah Younger (Tuskegee University), Gabby Pass (Miles
33 College), Summer Hicks (University of West Alabama), and
34 Cameria Reed (Stillman College); Head Coach Joe Richardson
35 was recognized as ACCC Coach of the Year; and

36 WHEREAS, building on that success, the Lady Pirates
37 entered the 2025-2026 season with a new roster but the same
38 championship expectations; they achieved a program-high
39 preseason ranking of No. 12 in the NJCAA Division II polls;
40 and

41 WHEREAS, the Lady Pirates once again demonstrated
42 their dominance in conference play, finishing with an 11-1
43 ACCC record and sharing the Regular Season Championship with
44 Snead State; in the conference title game, they avenged
45 their lone loss with a decisive 67-44 victory over Lawson
46 State to secure the ACCC Championship; and

47 WHEREAS, continuing their postseason success, the
48 Lady Pirates captured their second consecutive Gulf South
49 District Championship with another victory over Palm Beach
50 State, extending their winning streak to 15 games; and

51 WHEREAS, freshman London VanArsdale was named ACCC
52 Player of the Year, while sophomores Lacey Thomas and Jada
53 Landers earned All-Conference honors; Lacey Thomas, along
54 with Makayla Bass and Paris Shelton, was also named to the
55 ACCC All-Tournament Team; and

56 WHEREAS, the Lady Pirates advanced to their second



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57 consecutive NJCAA Division II National Tournament as the No.
58 15 seed; they defeated National Park College 70-53 in the
59 opening round before falling to Illinois Central College
60 68-61 in a hard-fought overtime battle in the second round;
61 and

62 WHEREAS, the achievements of the Lady Pirates
63 Basketball Team bring great pride and recognition to
64 Chattahoochee Valley Community College, the residents of
65 Phenix City, and the surrounding area comprised of Russell,
66 Lee, Barbour, Bullock, and Macon Counties; now therefore,

67 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
68 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Chattahoochee Valley
69 Community College Women's Basketball team members and
70 coaches are hereby commended and congratulated on their
71 outstanding accomplishments, and we offer this resolution in
72 tribute to a remarkable effort and successful finish.

