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HJR___ COMMENDING CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, individual honors highlighted the team's success; freshman standout Zy Thompson earned NJCAA Third



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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