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HR\_\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2026 NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride and special pleasure that highest commendations and congratulations are herein conveyed to the Auburn University Men's Basketball Team for winning the 2026 National Invitation Tournament (NIT) Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn Tigers concluded a stirring postseason run on April 5, 2026, by defeating the University of Tulsa Hurricane team 92-86 in overtime at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Indiana, thereby securing the first NIT championship in program history; and

WHEREAS, in the championship game, Kevin Overton scored 26 points, buried a game-tying three-pointer with eight seconds remaining in regulation, and earned Most Outstanding Player honors for the tournament; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach Steven Pearl, who was named Auburn's 22nd head men's basketball coach on September 22, 2025, the Tigers completed the season with 22 victories and finished the year on a championship note; and

WHEREAS, the resilience, discipline, and unity displayed by the Auburn University Men's Basketball Team



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29 reflects great credit upon the university, the Auburn  
30 Family, and the State of Alabama; and

31 WHEREAS, the Auburn University Men's Basketball Team,  
32 Coach Steven Pearl, and the entire Auburn Family are a  
33 tremendous source of pride to the people of this state and  
34 are truly deserving of special commendation and praise; now  
35 therefore,

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
37 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Auburn University Men's  
38 Basketball Team, Coach Steven Pearl, and the entire Auburn  
39 Family are hereby highly honored and commended for winning  
40 the 2026 National Invitation Tournament Championship, and  
41 this resolution is offered in highest tribute, together with  
42 sincere best wishes for continued success in all future  
43 endeavors.