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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
ESTABLISHING THE ALABAMA SPORTS WALL OF HONOR.

WHEREAS, sports historically have made a tremendous impact in the State of Alabama bringing high honor, acclaim, economic development, and in many cases, worldwide notoriety; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has a rich heritage and a powerful legacy of sports achievement which inspires youth to continue the dynamic athletic prowess achieved by legendary figures that have hailed from towns large and small all over this proud and patriotic land; and

WHEREAS, sports inspire and contribute to the concept of individual excellence with teams being made up of exceptional individuals who are well-disciplined, well-rounded, and set high goals; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Sports Festival has, for approximately 30 years, encouraged the youth of Alabama to participate in sports for personal enrichment and to perpetuate the sports legacy that is unique to Alabama. Additionally, Alabama Sports Festival has offered many other programs which strengthen the resolve of students all over Alabama to avoid the pitfalls of drugs, smoking, and other social ills; and

1           WHEREAS, the Governor of Alabama, the Alabama  
2           Legislature, and the Alabama Governor's Commission on Physical  
3           Fitness, have consistently supported the Alabama Sports  
4           Festival programs allowing the youth in Alabama an opportunity  
5           to participate in sports activities which contribute to the  
6           overall well-being and strength of Alabama; now therefore,

7           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8           HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is hereby created the  
9           Alabama Sports Wall of Honor as an activity of the Governor of  
10          Alabama, the Alabama Legislature, Alabama Sports Festival, and  
11          the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness, with the  
12          administrative and financial responsibility being borne by  
13          Alabama Sports Festival. Portraits of the honorees,  
14          commissioned by Alabama Sports Festival, will be permanently  
15          displayed on the Alabama Sports Wall of Honor which shall be  
16          located in an appropriate area inside the Alabama State House.  
17          Each year, during the opening ceremonies of the Alabama Sports  
18          Festival, additional honorees will be officially inducted.

19          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the inaugural induction  
20          ceremony of the Alabama Sports Wall of Honor shall take place  
21          at seven p.m., Friday, June 24, 2011, center stage at the  
22          Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Arena. This event will be  
23          telecast live on statewide television and the honorees will be  
24          introduced and recognized for their achievements.

1                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the inaugural class of  
2 honorees shall consist of the head football coach of the  
3 University of Alabama, Nick Saban, in honor of the Crimson  
4 Tide's 2009 undefeated 14-0 season which resulted in a BCS  
5 National Football Championship; Auburn University head  
6 football coach Gene Chizik, in honor of the Tigers' 2010  
7 undefeated 14-0 season which resulted in a BCS National  
8 Football Championship. Additional honorees will be the 2009  
9 Heisman Trophy winner, Mark Ingram of the University of  
10 Alabama and the 2010 Heisman Trophy winner, Cameron Newton of  
11 Auburn University, the first ever back-to-back Heisman Trophy  
12 winners from the same state. Also, the 1971 Heisman Trophy  
13 winner, Pat Sullivan of Auburn University and the 1985 Heisman  
14 Trophy winner, Bo Jackson of Auburn University will be  
15 inducted.

