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8 COMMENDING THE 2013 AUBURN UNIVERSITY TIGERS
9 FOOTBALL TEAM FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY 2013 FOOTBALL SEASON.

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11 WHEREAS, the Auburn University Tigers Football Team
12 has completed an outstanding 2013 football season marked by
13 numerous achievements and a final record of 12-2; and

14 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach Gus
15 Malzahn, the Tigers compiled an admirable 7-1 conference
16 record during the regular season against talented Southeastern
17 Conference foes and claimed the 2013 Southeastern Conference
18 Championship by soundly defeating the Missouri Tigers 59-42 in
19 Atlanta; and

20 WHEREAS, the No. 2 ranked Tigers gallantly fought
21 the No. 1 ranked Florida State University Seminoles in the
22 final Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game at
23 the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California; and

24 WHEREAS, the Tigers' appearance in the national
25 championship game solidifies the Southeastern Conference's and
26 the State of Alabama's dominance of the BCS championship era;
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1 WHEREAS, masterfully overcoming the disappointment
2 of the prior season and shattering expectations, Auburn's
3 monumental accomplishments this season were the culmination of
4 teamwork, sportsmanship, dedication, talent, and sacrifice by
5 these admirable student-athletes and coaches; and

6 WHEREAS, in his first season, Coach Malzahn has
7 demonstrated leadership and selfless devotion to his players,
8 coaches, and the university, earning him well-deserved
9 accolades this year, including the AP Coach of the Year award,
10 the SEC Coach of the Year award, the Home Depot Coach of the
11 Year award, the FWAA/Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year award,
12 and the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year award; and

13 WHEREAS, from thrilling victories over rivals,
14 including a 34-28 victory over No. 1 Alabama in the 2013 Iron
15 Bowl, to inspired individual and team performances, including
16 a Heisman Finalist appearance in New York by Tre Mason, each
17 team member has garnered the admiration and respect of the
18 Auburn University family and this state; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That