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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
COMMENDING THE 2013 AUBURN UNIVERSITY TIGERS
FOOTBALL TEAM FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY 2013 FOOTBALL SEASON.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Tigers' appearance in the national
championship game solidifies the Southeastern Conference's and
the State of Alabama's dominance of the BCS championship era;
and

WHEREAS, masterfully overcoming the disappointment
of the prior season and shattering expectations, Auburn's
monumental accomplishments this season were the culmination of

1 teamwork, sportsmanship, dedication, talent, and sacrifice by
2 these admirable student-athletes and coaches; and

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

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

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the 2013 Auburn University
18 Tigers Football Team is highly honored and commended for an
19 exemplary football season and winning the 2013 Southeastern
20 Conference Championship, and by copy of this resolution, we
21 offer congratulations, along with best wishes for continued
22 success in all future athletic, academic, and other endeavors.

