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8 RECOGNIZING THE POSTHUMOUS INDUCTION OF BILL JONES  
9 TO THE ALABAMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2013.

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11 WHEREAS, Bill Jones has been selected for posthumous  
12 induction to the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2013;  
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14 WHEREAS, a former basketball player, basketball  
15 coach, and athletic director of the University of North  
16 Alabama, he compiled an outstanding record of success; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones played basketball at UNA in the  
18 1950s and became head basketball coach in 1974; he posted a  
19 259-141 record, which included the 1979 NCAA Division II  
20 National Championship; his squad was the first collegiate team  
21 from the State of Alabama to win a national championship in  
22 basketball; and

23 WHEREAS, highlights of his career also included  
24 three Gulf Coast South Conference Championships and four NCAA  
25 Division II Regional Championships; and

1           WHEREAS, in administrative capacities, he served UNA  
2 as assistant athletic director, associate athletic director,  
3 and athletic director; and

4           WHEREAS, his legacy endures through the Bill Jones  
5 Plaza as part of the Bill Jones Athletic Complex named in  
6 honor of his contributions to UNA; and

7           WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Jones earned respect  
8 for his exceptional abilities and tireless dedication to the  
9 highest standards of organized sports, and he is truly  
10 deserving of the significant honor bestowed upon him; now  
11 therefore,

12           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That it is a privilege to  
14 recognize the posthumous induction of Bill Jones to the  
15 Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2013, and it is directed  
16 that a copy of this resolution be provided to his family as  
17 evidence of the esteem in which he is held.