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3 By Senators Allen, Reed, Waggoner, Albritton, Barfoot,
4 Beasley, Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn,
5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Holley, Jones, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts,
7 Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton,
8 Smitherman, Stutts, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 09-FEB-21

DESIGNATING 10TH AVENUE AND PORTIONS OF 35TH STREET
IN TUSCALOOSA AS "SABAN WAY."

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2007, The University of
Alabama Crimson Tide's new head football coach, Nicholas Lou
Saban, Jr., stepped off a small plane at the Tuscaloosa
airport; at that time, few could have possibly understood the
immense impact he and his partner, Mrs. Terry Constable Saban,
would have on the University, the Tuscaloosa community, and
the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, almost immediately upon arrival, Nick and
Terry Saban began to contribute back to the community; from
instilling traditions at the University such as yelling "Roll
Tide" after each first down, to safeguarding the futures of
the youth of Tuscaloosa and Alabama through the creation and
support of community programs, this true power couple has
already left an imprint on the University, the Tuscaloosa
community, and the State that will never be diminished or
forgotten; and

1 WHEREAS, although the contributions of Nick and
2 Terry Saban are immeasurable, we will do our best to recount
3 them here; and

4 WHEREAS, one of Nick and Terry Saban's most
5 well-known contributions, and one near to their hearts, is the
6 creation of the Nick's Kids Foundation, named in honor of Nick
7 Saban, Sr.; and

8 WHEREAS, true to its purpose and slogan of "Nick &
9 Terry Saban Helping Children," the Nick's Kids Foundation has
10 helped ensure a bright future for Alabama's youth by
11 contributing over \$9 million to hundreds of deserving
12 organizations and causes, including, but certainly not limited
13 to: career tech classrooms at the Tuscaloosa County Juvenile
14 Detention Center, the Tuscaloosa Riverwalk Playground,
15 renovation of the STTEP Building of Brewer Porch Children's
16 Center, the construction of 17 Habitat for Humanity homes, and
17 the Alberta School of Performing Arts playground; the Nick's
18 Kids Foundation has also assisted in the construction of the
19 Saban Center, home of the Children's Hands-On Museum, the
20 Tuscaloosa Public Library, and the Tuscaloosa Children's
21 Theatre, and - along with the Miracle League of Tuscaloosa -
22 the Tuscaloosa All-Inclusive Playground; and

23 WHEREAS, while Coach Nick Saban and his team's
24 accomplishments on the gridiron are no secret, they also
25 commit their teamwork and energy to improving the community
26 that they consider home; the Crimson Tide football team were
27 some of the first volunteers to respond to the infamous April

1 11, 2009, Tuscaloosa tornado, prioritizing community recovery
2 efforts over their Spring practice; Coach Saban and his team
3 also have constructed numerous Habitat for Humanity homes in
4 what has become an annual tradition in the football program;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Terry Saban has made her own mark on
7 history as Alabama's grand lady "Miss Terry"; in addition to
8 constantly finding new ways to commit her daily efforts and
9 her wise counsel to the community in which she lives, Terry
10 Saban serves as a trustee of Stillman College, a historically
11 black liberal arts college in Tuscaloosa; and

12 WHEREAS, The University of Alabama, the Tuscaloosa
13 community, and the State of Alabama are forever grateful for
14 the endless blessings brought by Nick and Terry Saban;
15 although not born here, these true public servants exhibit the
16 spirit of true Alabamians that transcends blood or soil, and
17 serve as some of the finest ambassadors this State has ever
18 enjoyed; and

19 WHEREAS, the contributions made by Nick Saban and
20 Terry Saban, together and separately, to the community of
21 Tuscaloosa are worthy of the highest lauds and honors; as
22 such, we pay them tribute in the highest manner possible to us
23 now - by engraving their name onto one of the main
24 thoroughfares of the city, as a symbol of the way they have
25 permanently made their marks in the community; now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
27 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the portion of 35th Street

1 running from Trevor S. Phillips Avenue to Greensboro Avenue
2 and the entirety of 10th Avenue beginning at Greensboro Avenue
3 and terminating at Paul W. Bryant Drive in Tuscaloosa be named
4 "Saban Way" in honor of Nick Saban and Terry Saban, their
5 accomplishments, and their contributions to the community,
6 both together and individually.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of
8 Transportation and the appropriate local officials are
9 directed to place the appropriate signs and markers to reflect
10 this designation.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
12 resolution be presented to Nick Saban and Terry Saban as small
13 tokens of our immense gratitude and respect.