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3 By Senators Coleman-Madison, Smitherman, Albritton, Allen,
4 Barfoot, Beasley, Burkette, Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Dunn,
5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Holley, Jones, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts,
7 Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton,
8 Stutts, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
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8 COMMENDING THE HUFFMAN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM.

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10 WHEREAS, individual and team championships are
11 highly sought after in high school sports; rare athletic
12 achievements and special recognition is accorded to those who
13 pursue such excellence and become examples and an inspiration
14 for youth; and

15 WHEREAS, athletic competition helps to enhance both
16 the moral and physical development of young athletes,
17 preparing them for the future by instilling in them the
18 importance of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy
19 living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition;
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21 WHEREAS, the Huffman High School Basketball Team is
22 congratulated upon the occasion of a historic win; the
23 school's first basketball championship and first state title
24 in any sport since winning a baseball title in 1982; and

25 WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at the
26 Legacy Arena - Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex in
27 Birmingham, Alabama, to the praise and applause of their

1 excited fans, the Huffman High Vikings captured the 2020
2 Basketball AHSAA Class 6A Championship; the Vikings (32-3)
3 outscored Bessemer City 29-10 in the final 12 minutes of the
4 game, turning an 11-point third-quarter deficit into a 56-48
5 victory; and

6 WHEREAS, in a sport such as basketball, which
7 demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Athletic
8 Director, Carlos Hammonds, Head Coach Steve Ward, and Assistant
9 Coaches Barry Bearden, Kevin Johnson, Donald Blackmon and
10 Eddie Hardy, Jr., have worked hard to hone the skills of this
11 championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons
12 which will prove invaluable both on and off the court; and

13 WHEREAS, athletically and academically, team members
14 Jamal Mott, Jaquarius Sword, Jacob Robinson, Dequarrin Ezell,
15 Amaceo Cleggett, Arlandre Laster, Jamon Reed, John Key, James
16 Burgess, Jonathan Murray, Jamarion Ezell, and Jamel Williams,
17 have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of
18 talent, reflecting favorably on their school and community;
19 special thanks to Principal John Lyons, and the faculty and
20 staff at Huffman High School for their unwavering support
21 throughout the 2019-2020 basketball season; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Huffman High School
24 Basketball Team is honored and commended, and this resolution
25 is offered in highest tribute, as well as with sincere best
26 wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.