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SJR___ COMMENDING DREW STUTTS ON BEING NAMED NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS 2024 COACH OF THE YEAR.

WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to extend commendations and congratulations to Coach Drew Stutts of Freed-Hardeman University on his selection as the 2024 Coach of the Year by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA); and

WHEREAS, hailing from Florence, Alabama, Stutts honed his basketball prowess at Mars Hill Bible School during his high school years; his collegiate journey began at Northwest Shoals Community College before he transferred to the University of North Alabama, where he not only showcased his skills on the basketball court, but also diligently pursued his degree in Physical Education, graduating in 2011; and

WHEREAS, five years ago, President David Shannon and Athletic Director Mike McCutchen afforded Stutts, an unproven coach, the opportunity to showcase his true value to the Freed-Hardeman University (FHU) basketball program; he surpassed expectations with resounding success; his colleagues' belief in him outweighed his own self-doubt; and

WHEREAS, in his illustrious fifth season at the helm of the FHU Lions, Coach Stutts stands as a beacon of excellence; he proudly holds the record as the fastest FHU



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29 men's basketball head coach to notch an impressive 50 wins;
30 additionally, this season, he clinched a share of the
31 Mid-South Conference regular season title and triumphantly
32 secured the tournament title; and

33 WHEREAS, chief among his coaching accomplishments,
34 Coach Stutts is hailed for his extraordinary achievement in
35 steering the Lions to a remarkable 32-4 record and securing
36 the first National Championship in the school's history; and

37 WHEREAS, Coach Stutts has high praise for his players
38 and their perseverance on and off the court; he instills in
39 them the belief that with God's guidance, any feat is
40 attainable; his mantra, "It's not one guy, it's the team,"
41 serves as a constant reminder of the collective strength and
42 unity required to achieve success; now therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
44 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we heartily congratulate
45 Coach Drew Stutts, the National Association of
46 Intercollegiate Athletics 2024 Coach of the Year, and this
47 resolution is offered in highest tribute to him, along with
48 heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the future.