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HJR___ COMMENDING MR. STEVE GIDDENS FOR BEING INDUCTED INTO THE ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2023.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we highly commend Mr. Steve Giddens for being inducted into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2023; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Clay County High School in 1980, Mr. Giddens furthered his education, graduating from Auburn University in 1984 and earning a Master's Degree from Jacksonville State University in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Giddens began his teaching and coaching career at New Site High School in 1985 and moved to Randolph County in 1987, where he became the Head Coach of the Randolph County High School Boys Basketball Team and led the Tigers to a 74-16 record; Randolph County High School reached the Elite 8 in 1992 and finished as State Runner-Up in 1993; subsequently, Mr. Giddens moved to his alma mater as Assistant Football Coach and Assistant Basketball Coach; from 1995 to 2007, he was the Head Coach of rival Lineville High School's Boys Basketball Team, where he led the Aggies to the 1996 State Championship and to the Final 4 in 1999, and advanced to the Elite 8 in 1997 and 1998; from 1999 to



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26 2011, he was the Head Coach of the Lineville High School
27 Football Team; later, Lineville High School closed and
28 merged with Clay County to form Central High School of Clay
29 County; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Giddens's teams enjoyed enormous
31 success, such as going 128-45 with two State Championship
32 game appearances in 1999 and 2002, making six semifinal
33 appearances, winning six region titles, and compiling an
34 80-14 region record; another highlight of his coaching
35 career was being named Head Coach of Central High School of
36 Clay County's first football team; through his leadership,
37 he successfully blended two rival coaching staffs and two
38 rival football teams and led them to much success; Central
39 High School of Clay County was 10-2 in 2012, and Mr. Giddens
40 was promoted to Principal in 2013, where he served through
41 2017; he served as Principal at Randolph County High School
42 from 2018 to 2021; and

43 WHEREAS, well-respected by his peers, Mr. Giddens has
44 been a leader in District 6, serving on the Legislative
45 Council, and he is also an active leader at Barfield Baptist
46 Church; and

47 WHEREAS, a man of unwavering diligence, Mr. Giddens
48 is an inspirational mentor and friend who is very deserving
49 of special recognition; now therefore,



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50 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
51 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mr. Steve Giddens is highly
52 commended for being inducted into the Alabama High School
53 Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2023, and we hereby dedicate
54 this resolution to him with utmost admiration, along with
55 sincere best wishes for continued happiness and success in
56 all future endeavors.