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House Resolution

A resolution honoring Florida State University Head Football Coach Bobby Bowden.

WHEREAS, after successfully coaching at his alma mater, Samford University, and at the University of West Virginia, in 1976 Bobby Bowden took over the Florida State football program and during the 28 intervening years has developed it into the most consistently successful program in the history of college football, and

WHEREAS, Coach Bowden has led the Seminoles to a 10-win season 18 times in 28 years, to 25 bowl games, including 22 consecutive bowl games, 18 of which were played on New Year's Day, and to 5 Bowl Championship Series bowl games in the 6-year existence of this national championship competition, and

WHEREAS, during Florida State's 12-year membership in the Atlantic Coast Conference, Coach Bowden has led his team to 11 championships and a record number of consecutive victories, and he has twice been named the conference Coach of the Year, and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2003, Bobby Bowden added yet another superlative to his long list of outstanding accomplishments when, with 342 wins to his credit, he became the all-time winningest coach in Division 1A history, and

WHEREAS, although admired for a football program that is a model for the entire country, Bobby is not obsessed with his successes on the field, preferring instead to focus on the more important aspects of his life--his Christian faith, his family and friends, and the young men who comprise his team, NOW,

THEREFORE,

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Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That the House of Representatives proudly salutes Florida State University Head Football Coach Bobby Bowden and extends to him its gratitude and congratulations for his many accomplishments as head football coach and for his numerous contributions to the community of Tallahassee and the State of Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Bobby Bowden, Head Coach of the Florida State University football program, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.