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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 University football program and during the 31 intervening years developed it into the most consistently successful program in the history of major college football, and

WHEREAS, Coach Bowden has led the Seminoles to a 10-win season 18 times in 31 years, to 28 bowl games, including 25 consecutive bowl games, to 6 Bowl Championship Series bowl games in the 9-year existence of this national championship competition, and to consensus National Championships in 1993 and 1999, and

WHEREAS, during Florida State's 15-year membership in the Atlantic Coast Conference, Coach Bowden has led his team to 12 championships and 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 he became the all-time winningest coach in major college football history, currently totaling 366 career coaching victories, and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2006, Bobby Bowden was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame and received the organization's highest distinction as a Gold Medal Recipient,

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29 | joining President Dwight D. Eisenhower, President John F.  
30 | Kennedy, General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, and Jackie Robinson as a  
31 | Gold Medal Recipient, and

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

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39 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
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42 |       That the House of Representatives proudly salutes Florida  
43 | State University Head Football Coach Bobby Bowden and extends to  
44 | him its gratitude and congratulations for his many  
45 | accomplishments as head football coach and for his numerous  
46 | contributions to the community of Tallahassee and the State of  
47 | Florida.

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