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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring Bobby Bowden for his outstanding
3 career as the Florida State University Head Football
4 Coach.

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6 WHEREAS, in 1976, after successfully coaching at his alma
7 mater, Samford University, and at the University of West
8 Virginia, Bobby Bowden took over the Florida State University
9 football program and during the 34 intervening seasons developed
10 it into one of the most consistently successful programs in the
11 history of major college football, and

12 WHEREAS, during his 34 years at Florida State, Bobby Bowden
13 led the Seminoles to 18 10-win seasons, to 31 bowl games,
14 including 28 consecutive bowl games, to 6 Bowl Championship
15 Series bowl games in the 12-year existence of this national
16 championship competition, and to consensus National
17 Championships in 1993 and 1999, and

18 WHEREAS, during Florida State's 18-year membership in the
19 Atlantic Coast Conference, Bobby Bowden led his team to 12
20 championships and was twice named the conference Coach of the
21 Year, and

22 WHEREAS, on December 5, 2006, Bobby Bowden was inducted
23 into the College Football Hall of Fame and received the
24 organization's highest distinction as a Gold Medal Recipient,
25 joining former recipients President Dwight D. Eisenhower,
26 President John F. Kennedy, General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, and
27 Jackie Robinson, and

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28 WHEREAS, Coach Bowden helped 164 student athletes go on to
29 careers in the National Football League and profoundly
30 influenced many professional and collegiate coaches and players
31 with his wisdom, loyalty, and warmth, and

32 WHEREAS, although admired for his success in making the
33 Florida State football program one of the premier programs in
34 the country, Coach Bowden does not consider success on the field
35 to be his defining accomplishment, preferring instead to
36 emphasize and focus on the more important aspects of his life –
37 his Christian faith, his family and friends, and the success of
38 the young men who comprised his teams over the years, NOW,
39 THEREFORE,

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

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44 That the Florida House of Representatives proudly commends
45 Bobby Bowden on an outstanding career as the Florida State
46 University Head Football Coach and extends to him its gratitude
47 and congratulations not only for his many accomplishments as
48 head football coach but also for his innumerable contributions
49 to and on behalf of the university, the City of Tallahassee and
50 surrounding communities, and the State of Florida.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
52 presented to Bobby Bowden as a tangible token of the sentiments
53 expressed herein.