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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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25 WHEREAS, Nolan Richardson Jr. was the men's head basketball coach for
26 the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Razorbacks from 1985 until 2002;
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29 WHEREAS, Coach Richardson became the first Razorback basketball coach
30 to lead the team to win an NCAA Division I Men's Championship Game when the
31 Razorbacks beat the Duke University Blue Devils 76-72 on April 4, 1994, in
32 Charlotte, North Carolina; and

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34 WHEREAS, Coach Richardson remains the only head basketball coach in
35 American basketball history to win a Division I National Championship, an NIT
36 Championship, and a National Junior College Championship; and



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2 WHEREAS, during his tenure at the University of Arkansas at
3 Fayetteville, Coach Richardson's teams made 3 trips to the NCAA Final Four
4 and won 3 Southwest Conference Regular Season Championships, 3 Southwest
5 Conference Tournament Championships, 2 Southeastern Conference ("SEC")
6 Regular Season Championships, 4 SEC Western Division Championships, and an
7 SEC Tournament Championship; and

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9 WHEREAS, Coach Richardson is a three-time Southwest Conference Coach of
10 the Year, the Naismith College Coach of the Year in 1994, and the SEC Coach
11 of the Year in 1998; and

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13 WHEREAS, Coach Richardson was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of
14 Fame in 1998, the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008, and
15 the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2014; and

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17 WHEREAS, Coach Richardson has the highest all-time winning percentage
18 in the history of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville basketball team,
19 with 389 wins and only 169 losses in 17 seasons with the Razorbacks; and

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21 WHEREAS, in an effort to recognize and honor the significant impact of
22 Coach Richardson on Arkansas athletics, it is appropriate that the basketball
23 floor of Bud Walton Arena be named in his honor,

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25 NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
27 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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29 That the Senate recognizes and appreciates the dedication and hard work
30 Coach Nolan Richardson Jr. showed in his time as the head coach and requests
31 the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville name the basketball court in Bud
32 Walton Arena in Fayetteville, Arkansas, in his honor.

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy shall be provided to Coach
35 Richardson and to the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at
36 Fayetteville by the Secretary of the Senate.