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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Nolan Richardson Jr. was the men's head basketball coach for the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Razorbacks from 1985 until 2002; and

WHEREAS, Coach Richardson became the first Razorback basketball coach to lead the team to win an NCAA Division I Men's Championship Game when the Razorbacks beat the Duke University Blue Devils 76-72 on April 4, 1994, in Charlotte, North Carolina; and

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



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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE,

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

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

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