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3 By Representative McMillan  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 16-FEB-10

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. STEVEN WAYNE BAKER.  
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10 WHEREAS, we note with deep regret the untimely  
11 passing of Mr. Steven Wayne Baker, principal of Orange Beach  
12 Elementary School, at the age of 53 years; and

13 WHEREAS, a native of Mason City, Iowa, who was  
14 reared in Hartselle, Alabama, Mr. Baker graduated from  
15 Hartselle High School in 1975; he received an appointment and  
16 scholarship to the United States Military Academy at West  
17 Point, but returned home to help his family when his father  
18 became ill; completing his Bachelor's of Science degree in  
19 Education at Athens State University, Mr. Baker began his  
20 teaching and coaching career at Hartselle High School; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker continued his career in teaching  
22 in the Baldwin County Public School System, where he would  
23 remain until his death; after completing his Master's degree  
24 in Administration at the University of South Alabama, he  
25 became a school administrator, first as assistant principal of  
26 Gulf Shores Middle School and later principal of Orange Beach  
27 Elementary; and

1                   WHEREAS, Mr. Baker was a devoted son, husband,  
2 father, educator, administrator, and friend; he was preceded  
3 in death by his father, Roger Wayne Baker; and

4                   WHEREAS, Mr. Baker is survived by his loving wife,  
5 Susan Rawls Baker; daughter, Whitney Renee Baker; son, Steven  
6 Wayne "Rocky" Baker, II; mother, Gloria Baker; sisters, Sandy  
7 Hubbard, Julie Reynolds, Barbie Braman, Linda Warren, and  
8 Angie Brannan; and numerous other relatives, friends,  
9 colleagues, and students; and

10                  WHEREAS, Mr. Baker's passing is a great loss to his  
11 family, the community, and the students to whom he dedicated  
12 his life; the memory of his abundant and inspiring life will  
13 be treasured by many; now therefore,

14                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That with much appreciation and  
16 gratitude, the life of Mr. Steven Wayne Baker is honored in  
17 this special tribute, and by copy of this resolution, deepest  
18 condolences are extended to his family.