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3 By Representatives Collins, Hammon, Henry and Oden
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8 COMMENDING MITCH DEES AS DECATUR'S SECONDARY TEACHER
9 OF THE YEAR.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with great pleasure we extend
12 commendations and congratulations to Mitch Dees of Decatur,
13 Alabama, in recognition of his selection as Decatur's
14 Secondary Teacher of the Year; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Dees has earned this illustrious
16 recognition through his exceptional dedication and
17 effectiveness as a science teacher at Decatur High School; his
18 teaching style and love of helping students have singled him
19 out as an exceptional educator; and

20 WHEREAS, a native of Fairfield, Ohio, Dees earned a
21 bachelor's degree in microbiology from Miami University in
22 Ohio and after relocating to Alabama to be near family, he
23 earned a master's degree in microbiology from Jacksonville
24 State University; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Dees previously taught at Horizon High
26 School, Decatur's alternative school, from 1994 through 2000;

1 he developed a special ability to relate to all students,
2 those who excel as well as those who struggle; and

3 WHEREAS, a noble profession, teaching young people
4 exacts rigorous self-discipline and endless patience tempered
5 with sincerity, caring, and willingness to adapt creatively to
6 the abilities of each student; those teachers who have shown
7 conscientious dedication to their responsibilities are indeed
8 deserving of commendation; and

9 WHEREAS, a gifted and resourceful teacher such as
10 Mr. Dees, whose record is acknowledged by his peers as
11 exceptional, is an asset to the state's schools and a valuable
12 mentor to his students; he is deserving of highest
13 commendation; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we heartily congratulate Mr.
16 Mitch Dees on being selected as Decatur's Secondary Teacher of
17 the Year, and we offer this resolution with gratitude for his
18 contributions to the schools and students of the State of
19 Alabama.