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3 By Representatives Collins, Henry, Hammon and Oden
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING DR. SAM HOUSTON FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
9 IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to extend the highest
12 commendation to Dr. Sam Houston, in recognition of his
13 outstanding record of achievement as an educator, a mentor and
14 an administrator for so many children and youth in the Decatur
15 City Schools; and

16 WHEREAS, a native of Fort Payne and a long-time
17 resident of Decatur, Alabama, Dr. Houston has served the
18 Decatur City School System for the past 39 years; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Houston received bachelors' degrees in
20 business administration, English, and Social Studies from the
21 University of Alabama, a master's degree in Education
22 Administration from the University of Alabama, and a doctorate
23 in Education Leadership from the University of Tennessee; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Houston began his career with the
25 Decatur City Schools in 1972 as an English teacher at Oak Park
26 Middle School; over the years, he served as principal of
27 Westlawn Elementary School and Westlawn Elementary Magnet

1 School; he served as Supervisor of Middle and Magnet Schools;
2 and was named Superintendent of Decatur City Schools in July
3 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Houston and his wife, Donna Weinman
5 Houston, have five children, Sam Houston, Jr., Matt Houston,
6 Bess Houston, Jason Gantt, and Carrie Beth Gantt; and one
7 grandchild; and

8 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Dr. Houston has been
9 involved in numerous professional and civic organizations and
10 has earned multiple recognitions and awards in those
11 affiliations earning widespread respect for his exceptional
12 abilities and tireless dedication; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a tremendous honor to
15 recognize Dr. Sam Houston for his tireless years of service as
16 an educator, and for his lifetime of achievement, a copy of
17 this resolution is now bestowed.