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3 By Representatives Collins, Henry, Hammon and Oden
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 05-APR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING DR. SAM HOUSTON FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
4 IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION.

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6 WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to extend the highest
7 commendation to Dr. Sam Houston, in recognition of his
8 outstanding record of achievement as an educator, a mentor and
9 an administrator for so many children and youth in the Decatur
10 City Schools; and

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

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Houston received bachelors' degrees in
15 business administration, English, and Social Studies from the
16 University of Alabama, a master's degree in Education
17 Administration from the University of Alabama, and a doctorate
18 in Education Leadership from the University of Tennessee; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Houston began his career with the
20 Decatur City Schools in 1972 as an English teacher at Oak Park
21 Middle School; over the years, he served as principal of
22 Westlawn Elementary School and Westlawn Elementary Magnet
23 School; he served as Supervisor of Middle and Magnet Schools;
24 and was named Superintendent of Decatur City Schools in July
25 2003; and

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

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

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

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 07-APR-11.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

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