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4 Beckman, Beech, Black, Boman, Boothe, Bracy, Bridges, Brown,
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8 Greeson, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Harper, Henry, Hill, Holmes,
9 Howard, Hubbard (J), Hubbard (M), Hurst, Ison, Jackson,
10 Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W), Jones, Kennedy, Knight,
11 Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, Love, Mask, McAdory, McCampbell,
12 McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton,
13 Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow,
14 Newton (C), Newton (D), Nordgren, Oden, Patterson, Payne,
15 Poole, Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers,
16 Sanderford, Scott, Shiver, Thomas, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle,
17 Vance, Wallace, Warren, Weaver, Williams (D), Williams (J),
18 Williams (P), Wood and Wren

19 RFD:

20 First Read: 04-MAY-11

8 COMMENDING THE ANNISTON CITY SCHOOL GIFTED
9 ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AND DR. RICHARD L. HOOKS.

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11 WHEREAS, the Gifted Enrichment Program of Anniston,
12 Alabama, sponsored by the Program for Exceptional Youth, is a
13 service committed to providing the highest quality of
14 education to students of demonstrated potential, through
15 strong leadership and cultural opportunities; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Richard L. Hooks is a native Alabamian
17 whose educational credentials include: Bachelor of Science
18 Degree in Secondary Education, Alabama State University; post
19 degree studies, Wayne State University; and Master of Arts
20 Degree, AA Certification, and Doctorate of Philosophy Degree
21 from The University of Alabama; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Hooks has been the recipient of many
23 awards and honors, beginning at a very young age for high
24 academic achievement; he is a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Phi
25 Delta Kappa, national education honorary societies; he is also
26 a highly regarded artist who has been featured in exhibits at

1 the Anniston Museum, the Ferguson Gallery at The University of
2 Alabama, and other sites; and

3 WHEREAS, during his exemplary teaching career, many
4 of his top students won prestigious national and state awards
5 as a result of his guidance, and he was asked by schools,
6 colleges, and the State Department of Education to lend his
7 expertise; and

8 WHEREAS, among his honors, Dr. Hooks was recognized
9 by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for outstanding accomplishments,
10 was included in the 2005-2006 Manchester Who's Who Registry of
11 Executives and Professionals, and in 2007 was elected
12 President of the Anniston/Calhoun County Chapter of the
13 Alabama State University Alumni Association; in addition, he
14 was elected to the Anniston City Board of Education in 2008
15 and currently serves as its president; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Hooks retired from his exemplary
17 40-year career as an effective educator in 2003, having served
18 the Anniston City School System with exceptional vision and
19 dedication as an educator, administrator, and mentor; and

20 WHEREAS, well-known for his devotion to family and
21 faith, Dr. Hooks is the pastor of Henry Street Church of
22 Christ; he and his wife, the former Mary Berry, have three
23 adult children and one granddaughter; and

24 WHEREAS, the Gifted Enrichment Program is hosting
25 its third annual High Scholastic Academic Achievement Awards
26 Banquet on May 20, 2011, and Dr. Hooks will receive
27 well-deserved commendation for his many worthwhile

1 accomplishments; and contributions to the Anniston City School
2 System and the Gifted Enrichment Program that has provided
3 exceptional academic and cultural enrichment opportunities for
4 students; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
6 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dr. Richard L. Hooks is
7 heartily congratulated for his dedicated service to the
8 Anniston City School System and the Gifted Enrichment Program,
9 and this resolution is offered to him in highest tribute and
10 deepest admiration, along with best wishes in all future
11 endeavors.