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3       By Representatives Hurst, Johnson (R) and Boyd  
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8 COMMENDING MARY THOMAS FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT  
9 AND DEDICATED SERVICE.  
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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Mary  
12 Thomas is recognized for her distinguished service as a  
13 teacher and administrator in the Talladega County School  
14 System over the span of 33 years; and

15 WHEREAS, she is retiring in June 2011 from her  
16 position as Child Nutrition Program Director for Talladega  
17 County Schools, having embarked upon her exemplary career in  
18 September 1978, initially as a classroom teacher; and

19 WHEREAS, among her accomplishments in the Child  
20 Nutrition Program, where she has served since 1993, she added  
21 a breakfast program for middle and high schools, redesigned a  
22 number of cafeteria dining rooms, remodeled kitchens in  
23 several schools, and was recognized by the Healthier United  
24 States School Challenge Gold Award of Distinction from the  
25 USDA for six elementary schools; and

26 WHEREAS, her additional honors include twice  
27 receiving the Alabama School Nutrition Association Director of

1 the Year Award and being selected for the Gold Award of  
2 Excellence for Leadership in the State of Alabama from the  
3 School Nutrition Association; and

4 WHEREAS, the extensive list of her achievements  
5 includes designation as Master Teacher for State Child  
6 Nutrition Program Workshops, Certified Trainer for both the  
7 School Nutrition Association and the National Restaurant  
8 Association, and serving as State President of the Alabama  
9 School Nutrition Association; and

10 WHEREAS, through the years, she has earned respect  
11 for her exceptional abilities and unwavering commitment to  
12 Talladega County schools, and her presence will be greatly  
13 missed; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition of her many  
16 outstanding achievements and dedicated service, highest  
17 commendation is herein extended to Mary Thomas, for whom a  
18 copy of this resolution is provided as evidence of our esteem  
19 and appreciation, along with best wishes as she begins her  
20 well-deserved retirement from her position as Child Nutrition  
21 Program Director for the Talladega County School System.