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3 By Representative Boyd
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 09-APR-13

8 COMMENDING MRS. SANDRA LANIER GUNTER AS RECIPIENT OF
9 THE 2013 G.E. SMITHERMAN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.
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11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sandra Lanier Gunter is most heartily
12 congratulated as the 10th recipient of the Distinguished
13 Service Award, sponsored by the First Missionary Baptist
14 Church Department of Christian Education and presented
15 annually on G. E. Smitherman Day; and

16 WHEREAS, the Distinguished Service Award was
17 established to honor an individual whose commitment and
18 contributions to education, youth development, and
19 Judeo-Christian values have served to encourage young men and
20 women to reach their highest potential; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gunter was educated in the Anniston
22 City School System, graduating from Cobb Avenue High School in
23 1970 with high honors as Historian of her class; she graduated
24 in 1972 from Gadsden State Community College and enrolled in
25 Jacksonville State University, where she became a charter
26 member of the Kappa Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

1 and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary
2 Education in 1974; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1975, she began working at Randolph Park
4 Elementary School and continued her education at Jacksonville
5 State University, receiving her Master of Science Degree in
6 Elementary Education; she also received an add-on in
7 Administration in 1989; and

8 WHEREAS, among her recognitions, she was selected
9 for the Teacher of the Year Award at Randolph Park in 1985,
10 where she worked as a teacher for 21 years and was promoted to
11 the position of principal; after a tenure at Johnston
12 Elementary School, she returned to Randolph Park; under her
13 leadership during the first year that Alabama instituted the
14 State School Accountability program, Randolph Park became the
15 only school in the Anniston City System and one of only two in
16 Calhoun County to meet the requirements for AYP; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gunter dedicated 38 years of her life
18 to the betterment of the Anniston City School System,
19 educating many generations and serving as a source of
20 inspiration to those she encountered; and

21 WHEREAS, through the years, Mrs. Gunter has earned
22 respect for her exceptional abilities and tireless dedication;
23 she has impacted countless lives, and she is truly deserving
24 of the significant honor bestowed upon her; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That special recognition and honor
27 are conveyed to Mrs. Sandra Lanier Gunter as the 10th

1 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award sponsored by the
2 First Missionary Baptist Church Department of Christian
3 Education, and it is directed that a copy of this resolution
4 be provided to her in sincere tribute.