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3       By Representatives Standridge, Shedd, Ainsworth and Rowe  
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8 COMMENDING JAMES E. CARR FOR EXEMPLARY PROFESSIONAL  
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in paying  
12 tribute to the outstanding professional achievements of an  
13 eminent educator, James E. Carr, on the occasion of his  
14 retirement; and

15 WHEREAS, currently serving as Superintendent of  
16 Blount County Schools, a position he has held since 2003, Mr.  
17 Carr began his esteemed educational career in 1971; and

18 WHEREAS, a graduate of Oneonta High School in 1967,  
19 his academic credentials also include a Bachelor of Science  
20 Degree in Secondary Education and a Master's Degree in  
21 Secondary Education and a Master's Degree in Leadership from  
22 the University of Alabama at Birmingham, in addition to many  
23 certifications; and

24 WHEREAS, prior to ascending to the post of  
25 Superintendent of Blount County Schools, he served as an  
26 educator at Locust Fork High School and Appalachian High

1 School; he served as Principal of Appalachian High School in  
2 Blount County from 1976 to 2003; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Carr has held leadership positions in  
4 many professional organizations including Special Advisor for  
5 the Blount County Education Foundation, a board member for  
6 Hope House, advisory board member for the St. Vincent's Blount  
7 Hospital, and active deacon and member of the First Baptist  
8 Church of Oneonta; and

9 WHEREAS, recognizing his dedication and service in  
10 educating children and youth, Mr. Carr received the Individual  
11 Impact Award from Blount County Schools, was named the  
12 District IX Superintendent of the Year in 2013, and was  
13 honored with the naming of the Appalachian High School Stadium  
14 the "James E. Carr Stadium"; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Carr was instrumental in efforts to  
16 achieve District Accreditation from AdvancedED and established  
17 a unified approach to budgeting and improvement efforts;  
18 during his tenure, graduation rates increased while dropout  
19 rates significantly decreased; and

20 WHEREAS, in his many years of distinguished service,  
21 Mr. Carr has earned widespread admiration and respect for his  
22 dedication and service; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That it is a privilege to commend  
25 James E. Carr for his exceptional achievements in the field of  
26 education upon the occasion of his retirement, and by copy of

1       this resolution we convey our highest esteem along with our  
2       best wishes for the future.