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3 By Representative Whorton (I)
4 RFD:
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8 CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING KEITH YORK.
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10 WHEREAS, Keith York, principal of Opelika Middle
11 School in the Opelika City School System, was named the
12 2017-2018 Middle School Principal of the Year for Alabama by
13 the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the
14 Alabama Association of Middle School Principals, and the
15 Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals; and

16 WHEREAS, Keith York earned his Bachelor's Degree
17 from Auburn University in 1993 and a Master's Degree and an
18 Educational Specialist Degree from Troy University in 2000 and
19 2002, respectively; and

20 WHEREAS, Keith York has served as an educator in
21 Alabama for 25 years, 16 of those years as a administrator;
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23 WHEREAS, Keith York, as principal of Opelika Middle
24 School in the Opelika City School System, works
25 collaboratively with all stakeholders to determine programs
26 and procedures that will be most effective in the classroom;
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1 WHEREAS, through Mr. York's efforts, Opelika Middle
2 School implemented the Be Nice initiative to develop positive
3 character and behavior among students; through advisory
4 periods, all staff members are assigned to small groups of
5 students and use this time to discuss positive character,
6 build rapport, and guide students' academic needs; this
7 initiative has created a culture of respect and tolerance
8 along with a safe learning environment, thus leading to the
9 2016-2017 Alabama Safe School Award; and

10 WHEREAS, Keith York, as principal of Opelika Middle
11 School in the Opelika City School System, created a
12 Skills/Enrichment period to ensure students are provided with
13 instructional opportunities to be successful; this unique
14 learning opportunity involves every teacher on staff and
15 provides reading and math enrichment as well as mini
16 project-based learning groups; this program has fostered
17 students' growth of 21st Century learning skills and resulted
18 in yearly increased proficiency results on the ACT Aspire; and

19 WHEREAS, each year, the National Association of
20 Secondary School Principals congratulates principals from
21 across the nation for their exemplary achievements, by
22 recognizing them in its Principal of the Year Program; the
23 Principal of the Year Program, established in 1993, honors
24 outstanding secondary and middle level principals who ensure
25 that America's students acquire a sound foundation for
26 lifelong learning and achievement; the program annually honors
27 secondary and middle level school principals who have

1 succeeded in providing high quality learning opportunities for
2 students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to
3 the profession; and

4 WHEREAS, secondary and middle level principals are
5 nominated for this achievement by peers in their state and
6 final selections are made by committees appointed by each of
7 the National Association of Secondary School Principals' state
8 affiliate offices; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby congratulate and
11 commend Keith York upon his selection as 2017-2018 Middle
12 School Principal of the Year for Alabama by the National
13 Association of Secondary School Principals, the Alabama
14 Association of Middle School Principals, and the Alabama
15 Association of Secondary School Principals.