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3 By Representative Pringle  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8                   URGING THE MOBILE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO NAME THE  
9                   SOUTHWEST ALABAMA REGIONAL SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND IN  
10                  HONOR OF H. L. "SONNY" CALLAHAN.  
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12                  WHEREAS, in honor of H. L. "Sonny" Callahan,  
13                  longtime champion of the students and parents of South  
14                  Alabama, it would be appropriate to name the Southwest Alabama  
15                  Regional School for the Deaf and Blind, the H. L. "Sonny"  
16                  Callahan School for the Deaf and Blind; and

17                  WHEREAS, Alabama Senator Sonny Callahan was  
18                  instrumental in obtaining educational opportunities for  
19                  students in South Alabama who had hearing or vision challenges  
20                  that could not be addressed in the public school system; and

21                  WHEREAS, for over four decades, Senator Callahan has  
22                  met with parents of these students, written letters, held  
23                  meetings, and sponsored financial pursuits for the funding of  
24                  regional education opportunities for the special education of  
25                  deaf students; and

26                  WHEREAS, with the support, dedication, and  
27                  commitment of Senator Callahan, the Mobile County School Board

1 opened the Southwest Alabama Regional School for the Deaf and  
2 Blind in September 1980; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Callahan secured the funding and  
4 planning at all levels to make this school a reality for the  
5 deaf and blind students and their families; the legacy of the  
6 school's founding rests primarily with Senator Callahan; and

7 WHEREAS, his leadership and compassion in  
8 championing this notable cause has earned the admiration of  
9 students, parents, school officials, community residents, and  
10 all of the citizens of Alabama; it would be appropriate to  
11 commemorate his lasting influence for the inspiration of  
12 future generations; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in honor of Senator Callahan,  
15 who worked tirelessly to see this dream accomplished, we  
16 respectfully request that the Mobile County School Board  
17 rename the Southwest Alabama Regional School for the Deaf and  
18 Blind the H. L. "Sonny" Callahan School for the Deaf and  
19 Blind.