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3 By Representatives Wheeler, Mooney, Faulkner, Carns and Farley  
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8 HONORING DR. DILHANI USWATTE, PRINCIPAL AT ROCKY  
9 RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE HOOVER CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS  
10 THE 2020 ALABAMA NAEPS NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL.

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12 WHEREAS, the NAEPS National Distinguished Principal  
13 Program was established to recognize elementary school and  
14 middle school level principals who set high standards for  
15 instruction, student achievement, character, and climate for  
16 the students, families, and staff in their learning  
17 communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Dilhani Uswatte was named the 2020  
19 NAEPS National Distinguished Principal from Alabama by the  
20 Alabama Association of Elementary School Administrators  
21 (AAESA); and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Uswatte has served as the Principal of  
23 Rocky Ridge Elementary School in the Hoover City School System  
24 for six years; prior to her current position, she served as  
25 the Assistant Principal at Rocky Ridge for four years and  
26 taught mathematics at Berry Middle School for eight years; she  
27 has been serving as a Principal since 2000; and

1                   WHEREAS, she has served as the Co-Director of the  
2 National Mentoring Program for the Milkin Family Foundation  
3 and has been involved in many leadership positions in CLAS,  
4 AAESA, ACLD, ALSDE, and The University of Alabama at  
5 Birmingham; and

6                   WHEREAS, Dr. Uswatte obtained her Bachelor's Degree  
7 from Queens University in Canada, her Master's Degree and  
8 Educational Specialist Degree from The University of Alabama  
9 at Birmingham, and her Doctorate from The University of  
10 Alabama at Birmingham in 2013; and

11                  WHEREAS, she has always put her students first and  
12 works tirelessly to create an atmosphere that allows her  
13 teachers to be successful; furthermore, she has had a positive  
14 impact on her school, school system, students, teachers, and  
15 parents; and

16                  WHEREAS, Dr. Uswatte has been honored by The  
17 University of Alabama at Birmingham, CLAS, AAESA, and the  
18 Hoover City School System for her work and commitment to  
19 everyone under her care; now therefore,

20                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and  
22 congratulate Dr. Dilhani Uswatte upon the honor of being  
23 selected as the 2020 Alabama NAEPS National Distinguished  
24 Principal.