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By Representative McCampbell

RFD:

First Read: 19-Mar-24

HR____ COMMENDING MR. LUTHER P. HALLMARK ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, Luther P. "Luke" Hallmark is highly congratulated and commended on the occasion of his retirement; his outstanding career in education has included teaching, coaching, and administration at the highest level, and his participation and support for community activities is outstanding; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hallmark graduated from Perry Christian School in Andalusia in 1975; he matriculated to Marion Military Institute where he earned an associate degree, then to Auburn University for his Bachelor of Science degree; he also earned additional degrees at the University of Montevallo, Livingston University, and Alabama State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hallmark began his career in education in 1982 as a teacher and boys basketball coach at Southern Academy and later at Marion Military Institute; in 1985 he accepted a position at Demopolis High School as head basketball coach; his teams won five area championships and two regional championships; two of his teams won more than 20 games in a season, and one of his players was Theo Ratliff, a first-round draft selection from the University of Wyoming who was an 11-year standout in the National

Basketball Association (NBA); and

WHEREAS, Luke Hallmark continued his love of sports by officiating basketball and baseball for the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA); he has officiated one baseball state championship game and has called three basketball regional tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hallmark served as principal at Greensboro West Elementary School from 1997 until 2000, stepping down to become Superintendent of the Marengo County School District; he has served in that capacity ever since; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hallmark has received many awards and accolades throughout his long and distinguished career; these include receiving the University of West Alabama Alumni Achievement Award; selection as the Kermit Johnson Award winner from the University of Montevallo as Superintendent of the Year; being a Paul Harris Fellow Recipient from Rotary International; being a District 2 Finalist for SSA Superintendent of the Year; and being inducted into the Class of 2020 Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, his influence and leadership have been immeasurable as a member of the Alabama High School Athletic Association Central Board of Control; he has also served as Chairman of the PEEHIP Board of Control; Chairman of the Teacher Retirement System Board; Member of the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools; Member of the Presidential Advisory Council for Marion Military Institute; a lifetime

member of the Auburn Alumni Association; and is a member of both the Demopolis and Linden Rotary Clubs; and

WHEREAS, Luke Hallmark has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion, and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered in Marengo County by serving for the past 24 years as the school district's superintendent; he leaves behind a lasting legacy to all of the students, educators, parents, and future generations that he has had the opportunity to coach, teach, and lead over the course of his 42-year career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hallmark freely admits that none of his success would be possible without the love and support of his wife, Sarah Chandler Hallmark, and son, Andrew Parker; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we highly commend Superintendent Luther P. Hallmark for his exemplary dedication to Marengo County and the State of Alabama, and we hereby dedicate this resolution to him with utmost gratitude and admiration, along with best wishes for continued success during his retirement.