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3 By Representative Beech  
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8 COMMENDING MR. LARRY J. ODOM FOR PROFESSIONAL  
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a pleasure and privilege to extend  
12 highest commendation to Mr. Larry J. Odom in recognition of  
13 his outstanding record of achievement and dedicated service  
14 during an educational career of more than 41 years' duration;  
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16 WHEREAS, Mr. Odom is scheduled to retire on June 15,  
17 2010, from Millry High School, where he has served as  
18 principal for 20 years; he had previously spent more than 21  
19 years as a teacher and coach; and

20 WHEREAS, his academic credentials include a Bachelor  
21 of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education and a  
22 Master's Degree in Health Education, both from the University  
23 of Southern Mississippi; in addition, he earned Master's level  
24 certification in School Administration from Livingston  
25 University and completed further studies in higher level  
26 mathematics courses at The University of Alabama; and

1           WHEREAS, he is married to Cathy Beasley Odom and  
2 they have two children, Shanah Mikel and J. J. Odom, and five  
3 grandchildren, Matthew Wise, Chris Wise, Haley Mikel, Faith  
4 Odom, and Jason Odom; and

5           WHEREAS, under his leadership, Millry High School  
6 has produced outstanding graduates who have gone on to pursue  
7 careers as doctors, engineers, and in other professions; a  
8 highlight of his tenure was the school's having been ranked  
9 among the top three percent in the State of Alabama on the  
10 Graduation Exam; he also takes pride in the awards and  
11 athletic achievements of the students; and

12           WHEREAS, well-known for his tireless dedication and  
13 exceptional abilities, Mr. Odom has earned respect for his  
14 commitment to excellence and for creating an atmosphere that  
15 has fostered success for countless students through the years;  
16 now therefore,

17           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition of his  
19 exemplary educational career of more than four decades, Mr.  
20 Larry J. Odom is honored and commended, and this resolution is  
21 offered in highest tribute and deepest appreciation to him on  
22 the occasion of his retirement as Principal of Millry High  
23 School.