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3 By Representative Baker  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR.  
9 DONNIE ROTCH.

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11 WHEREAS, with abiding sorrow and boundless respect,  
12 we record the tragic death of Mr. Donnie Rotch of Brewton,  
13 Alabama, on August 11, 2010, and we pay tribute to the memory  
14 of his exceptional life of service and achievement; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Rotch was an outstanding teacher,  
16 coach, and school administrator whose life impacted countless  
17 young people, whom he inspired to excel and reach their  
18 potential; and

19 WHEREAS, his exemplary career as an educator in the  
20 State of Alabama spanned 38 years, 19 as a teacher, nine as  
21 assistant principal, and 10 as principal; Mr. Rotch was  
22 employed for two years at Jackson High School in Jackson,  
23 Alabama, and 36 years with the Brewton City Board of  
24 Education; and

25 WHEREAS, in addition, he was widely admired for his  
26 accomplishments and positive influence during 20 years as a  
27 coach, two at Jackson High School and 18 as Head Baseball

1 Coach at T.R. Miller High School, along with a period of time  
2 as the football team's Offensive Line Coach; and

3 WHEREAS, the list of his honors and recognitions  
4 includes: Alabama Association of Secondary Schools Principal  
5 of the Year, 2004; CLAS Leadership Award Nominee of Alabama  
6 Association of School Principals, 2008; and G.B. Beasley  
7 Leadership Award for Alabama Association of Secondary School  
8 Principals, 2007-2008; and

9 WHEREAS, among his numerous roles of leadership, he  
10 served as president of the Alabama Association of Secondary  
11 School Principals, member of the CLAS Board of Directors, and  
12 Chairperson of the Bryant Jordan Awards for Class 3A Area 1;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Jane Rotch;  
15 son, Richard; and daughter, Jayme; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Rotch was an outstanding educator who  
17 will be remembered for his unwavering quest for excellence;  
18 while his presence will be greatly missed, his legacy will  
19 endure, and his memory will be cherished in the hearts and  
20 minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while we mourn the tragic  
23 death of Mr. Donnie Rotch, we honor his life and express our  
24 sincere condolences to his family, for whom a copy of this  
25 resolution is provided as evidence of the esteem in which he  
26 was held.