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3 By Senator Dunn  
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8 COMMENDING GLORIA S. GENTRY ON BEING NAMED TEACHER  
9 OF THE YEAR.

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11 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are  
12 herein proudly extended to Gloria S. Gentry for her noteworthy  
13 achievement in being named Bessemer City Schools Elementary  
14 Teacher of the Year 2011; and

15 WHEREAS, the Teacher of the Year Program seeks to  
16 recognize excellence in the teaching profession by identifying  
17 outstanding Alabama classroom teachers at the local, district,  
18 and state levels; and

19 WHEREAS, Gloria S. Gentry is a gifted and  
20 resourceful teacher at Westhills Elementary School, where she  
21 has taught first grade since 1984, having previously taught  
22 kindergarten and second grade for two years, and she was  
23 nominated by her peers for the prestigious Teacher of the Year  
24 Award; and

25 WHEREAS, her academic credentials include completing  
26 Administrative Certification in the spring of 2011, and

1 earning both Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Early  
2 Childhood Education from The University of Alabama; and

3 WHEREAS, through the years, she has been a leader in  
4 professional organizations as well as extracurricular  
5 activities at Westhills Elementary School, serving as  
6 Cheerleader Sponsor, PTA Teacher Liaison, and NEA/AEA "I Can  
7 Do It" Classroom Management Trainer, and in many other  
8 capacities; and

9 WHEREAS, with her tireless dedication and commitment  
10 to excellence, Gloria S. Gentry personifies the finest  
11 qualities of those who enrich the lives of Alabama's young  
12 people through the noble vocation of education; she is truly  
13 deserving of this significant honor; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of her  
16 selection as Elementary Teacher of the Year 2011 for Bessemer  
17 City Schools, we commend and congratulate Gloria S. Gentry,  
18 for whom a copy of this resolution is provided as evidence of  
19 the esteem in which she is held.