

1 HJR447
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3 By Representatives Collins and Hammon
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 03-MAY-12

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 RECOGNIZING DR. SAM HOUSTON FOR PROFESSIONAL
4 ACHIEVEMENT.
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6 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to
7 Dr. Sam Houston in recognition of his outstanding
8 accomplishments during a career spanning 40 years with the
9 Decatur City School System; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Houston has announced his retirement
11 from his position as Superintendent, having begun his career
12 in 1972 as an English teacher at Oak Park Middle School,
13 followed by tenures as principal of Westlawn Elementary School
14 and Westlawn Elementary Magnet School, Supervisor of Middle
15 and Magnet Schools, and Assistant Superintendent, prior to
16 being named Superintendent of Decatur City Schools in 2003;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, his academic credentials include both
19 Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from The University of Alabama
20 and Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of
21 Tennessee; and

22 WHEREAS, in addition to his professional
23 affiliations, he has been active in community and civic
24 organizations including: Kiwanis Club of Decatur, past
25 president; American Red Cross, past board member; United Way

1 of Morgan County, past loaned executive and budget committee
2 member; American Cancer Society, past board member; Volunteer
3 Center, past board member; Boy Scouts of America, SWE
4 chairman, Arrowhead District; he is a graduate of Leadership
5 Decatur and is active in the First United Methodist Church,
6 where he has served in many capacities including Sunday School
7 teacher, member of the Board of Trustees, and past chairman of
8 the Education Committee; and

9 WHEREAS, among his honors and recognitions, he
10 received the Optimist Club Outstanding Achievement Award,
11 2002; American Legion Educator of the Year, 2004-2005;
12 Rotary's 4-Way Test Award, 2008; Rotary's Paul Harris Fellow
13 Recognition, 2009; Boy Scouts of America, Distinguished
14 Citizen Award, Greater Alabama Council, 2010; and Decatur
15 Educator of the Year Award by the American Legion Post 15 in
16 2012; and

17 WHEREAS, through the years and in all his endeavors,
18 he has earned respect for his exceptional abilities, and he is
19 truly deserving of special recognition as he embarks upon his
20 well-deserved retirement years; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. Sam Houston is most highly
23 commended for his outstanding achievements during an exemplary
24 career, and this resolution is offered in admiration and

1 appreciation to him on the occasion of his retirement as
2 Superintendent of Decatur City Schools.

