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3 By Representatives Collins and Hammon  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 RECOGNIZING DR. SAM HOUSTON FOR PROFESSIONAL  
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to  
12 Dr. Sam Houston in recognition of his outstanding  
13 accomplishments during a career spanning 40 years with the  
14 Decatur City School System; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Houston has announced his retirement  
16 from his position as Superintendent, having begun his career  
17 in 1972 as an English teacher at Oak Park Middle School,  
18 followed by tenures as principal of Westlawn Elementary School  
19 and Westlawn Elementary Magnet School, Supervisor of Middle  
20 and Magnet Schools, and Assistant Superintendent, prior to  
21 being named Superintendent of Decatur City Schools in 2003;  
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23 WHEREAS, his academic credentials include both  
24 Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from The University of Alabama  
25 and Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of  
26 Tennessee; and

1           WHEREAS, in addition to his professional  
2           affiliations, he has been active in community and civic  
3           organizations including: Kiwanis Club of Decatur, past  
4           president; American Red Cross, past board member; United Way  
5           of Morgan County, past loaned executive and budget committee  
6           member; American Cancer Society, past board member; Volunteer  
7           Center, past board member; Boy Scouts of America, SWE  
8           chairman, Arrowhead District; he is a graduate of Leadership  
9           Decatur and is active in the First United Methodist Church,  
10          where he has served in many capacities including Sunday School  
11          teacher, member of the Board of Trustees, and past chairman of  
12          the Education Committee; and

13           WHEREAS, among his honors and recognitions, he  
14          received the Optimist Club Outstanding Achievement Award,  
15          2002; American Legion Educator of the Year, 2004-2005;  
16          Rotary's 4-Way Test Award, 2008; Rotary's Paul Harris Fellow  
17          Recognition, 2009; Boy Scouts of America, Distinguished  
18          Citizen Award, Greater Alabama Council, 2010; and Decatur  
19          Educator of the Year Award by the American Legion Post 15 in  
20          2012; and

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

25           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
26          HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. Sam Houston is most highly  
27          commended for his outstanding achievements during an exemplary

1 career, and this resolution is offered in admiration and  
2 appreciation to him on the occasion of his retirement as  
3 Superintendent of Decatur City Schools.