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3 By Representative Sanderford
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8 COMMENDING MIKE CHAPPELL FOR 31 YEARS OF
9 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE IN EDUCATION.
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11 WHEREAS, after 31 years in education, Mike Chappell
12 will be retiring this year; that comes after directing more
13 than 60 plays at Huntsville High School and before that,
14 Butler High School, and having appeared in more than 30 plays;
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16 WHEREAS, after attending Huntsville High School, Mr.
17 Chappell attended Birmingham-Southern where he took a theater
18 class as an elective; after marrying Sarah Spencer and having
19 two sons, John Michael and Spencer, the family joined a local
20 production of Annie; that's when Mike Chappell says the
21 applause changed his life; and

22 WHEREAS, taking high school students and developing
23 them into local actors, Mr. Chappell has realized a remarkable
24 similarity between sports coaching and coaching his team to be
25 ready for the curtain to go up; while preparing for the
26 performance, Mr. Chappell says the students have to know you

1 love them, know you believe in them, and that you have their
2 best interests at heart; and

3 WHEREAS, when it comes to his productions, Mike
4 Chappell is intense and inspiring; he wants to be the best and
5 wants no less for his students; observing the students see
6 that their hard work is paid off with the approval of the
7 audience is Mr. Chappell's greatest reward; and

8 WHEREAS, under the direction of Mike Chappell, The
9 Huntsville High School Theater presented the musical "Once
10 Upon A Mattress" in spring 2015 as its last play directed by
11 Mr. Chappell, it was the same play Mr. Chappell directed 15
12 years ago, as his first play; and

13 WHEREAS, as curtains rise and fall, and educators
14 come and go, numerous young lives are better for the 31 years
15 that Mike Chappell gave to his students and theater teams; a
16 worthy role model for all young people, Mike Chappell has
17 earned the appreciation and recognition of all Alabamians; now
18 therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition of his
21 exceptional record of selfless service, Mike Chappell is
22 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered in
23 highest tribute to him along with best wishes for success in
24 all future endeavors.