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3 By Senators Whatley, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Figures,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Ward, and Williams
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8 RECOGNIZING DR. FARRELL SEYMORE AS THE 2015-2016
9 ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR.

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11 WHEREAS, Dr. Farrell Seymore, principal of Opelika
12 High School in the Opelika City School System in Lee County,
13 Alabama, was named the 2015-2016 Principal of the Year for
14 Alabama by the National Association of Secondary School
15 Principals and the Alabama Association of Secondary School
16 Principals; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Farrell Seymore earned his Bachelor's
18 Degree in 1997 from Auburn University, a Master's Degree in
19 2001 from Auburn University, and a Doctorate of Philosophy
20 Degree from Auburn University in 2011; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Farrell Seymore has served as an
22 educator in Alabama for 18 years and as an administrator for
23 13 years; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Farrell Seymore, as principal of
25 Opelika High School, is credited with changing the climate of
26 Opelika High School to a student-centered learning culture;

1 inspired by Dufour's idea of professional learning
2 communities, a series of book studies was launched; as a
3 result of the book studies and changes made during
4 problem-solving sessions, the school's culture shifted into
5 the desired focus areas; since then, the school has increased
6 in advanced placement course participation by making courses
7 more rigorous, giving students a selection of course
8 offerings, and helping students achieve the level of learning
9 necessary to be successful; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Farrell Seymore, as principal of
11 Opelika High School, led the efforts to increase offerings in
12 career technical education and the implementation of Alabama's
13 College and Career-Ready Standards which have played an
14 integral role in defining student success and preparing
15 students for college or the workforce; not only do these
16 programs help meet the needs of Opelika High School students,
17 but they address business and industry needs in the area; the
18 school has developed a credentialing program for Microsoft
19 Office, a health science program, and an information
20 technology program; and

21 WHEREAS, each year, the National Association of
22 Secondary School Principals congratulates principals from
23 across the nation for their exemplary achievements by
24 recognizing them in its Principal of the Year program; the
25 Principal of the Year Program established in 1993 honors
26 outstanding secondary and middle-level principals who ensure

1 that America's students acquire a sound foundation for
2 lifelong learning and achievement; the program annually honors
3 secondary and middle-level principals who have succeeded in
4 providing high quality learning opportunities for students as
5 well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the
6 profession; and

7 WHEREAS, secondary and middle-level principals are
8 nominated for this achievement by peers in their state and
9 final selections are made by committees appointed by each of
10 the national association of secondary school principals' state
11 affiliate offices; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a privilege to recognize
14 Dr. Farrell Seymore, principal of Opelika High School, for
15 being named the 2015-2016 Principal of the Year for Alabama by
16 the National Association of Secondary School Principals and
17 the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals.