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3 By Representative Weaver
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8 COMMENDING DR. DANIEL STEELE ON HIS SELECTION BY THE
9 ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AS
10 2016-2017 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR.
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12 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Steele, principal of Thompson
13 Sixth Grade Center in the Alabaster City School System, was
14 named the 2016-2017 Principal of the Year for Alabama by the
15 Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Steele earned his Bachelor's
17 degree from Covenant College, a Master's degree from the
18 University of Alabama at Birmingham, and an Educational
19 Specialist degree and Doctor of Education degree from Samford
20 University; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Steele has served as an educator
22 for 23 years, including 15 years as an administrator; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Steele, as principal of Thompson
24 Sixth Grade Center, is credited with creating a school culture
25 focused on student achievement and committed to personal
26 connections to all students; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Steele initiated a collaborative
2 analysis of formative assessments results, which encompassed
3 teachers volunteering to be "lifelines" for identified at-risk
4 students, resulting in an increase in student reading
5 proficiency of 60 percent and math proficiency of 68 percent;
6 Principal Steele wrote and performed raps for students about
7 expectations and had students write their dreams on a "Wall of
8 Dreams" posted outside of the school office; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Steele led the faculty in
10 creating a more collaborative culture in the building; using
11 "eleot," an advanced classroom observation instrument,
12 teachers are able to observe their colleagues in the classroom
13 and give a report to the observed teacher with observations
14 serving as a professional development tool for teachers and
15 increasing their understanding of best practices; and

16 WHEREAS, each year, the National Association of
17 Secondary School Principals recognizes principals from across
18 the nation for their exemplary achievements by including them
19 in its Principal of the Year program; established in 1993, the
20 program annually honors outstanding secondary and middle level
21 principals who ensure that America's students acquire a sound
22 foundation for lifelong learning and achievement and who have
23 succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for
24 students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to
25 the profession; and

26 WHEREAS, secondary and middle level principals are
27 nominated for this achievement by peers in their state, and

1 final selections are made by committees appointed by each of
2 the National Association of Secondary School Principals' state
3 affiliate offices; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
5 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dr. Daniel Steele is heartily
6 commended on his selection as 2016-2017 Principal of the Year
7 for Alabama by the Alabama Association of Secondary School
8 Principals and the National Association of Secondary School
9 Principals.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
11 resolution be provided to Dr. Steele as a small token of our
12 esteem and appreciation for a job well done.