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3 By Senator Holley
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4 ENROLLED, SJR110,

5 CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING BENJAMIN E. BAKER.

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7 WHEREAS, Benjamin E. Baker, principal of Ariton
8 School in the Dale County School System was named the
9 2016-2017 High School Principal of the Year for Alabama by the
10 Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals; and

11 WHEREAS, Benjamin E. Baker earned a Bachelor's
12 Degree in Secondary Education and a Master's Degree in
13 Educational Leadership from Troy University; and

14 WHEREAS, Benjamin E. Baker has served as an educator
15 for 19 years, 12 years as an administrator; and

16 WHEREAS, as a principal of Ariton School, Benjamin
17 E. Baker's greatest contribution is the life lessons he
18 teaches his students; the graduates of Ariton School are not
19 only prepared for college and career, but know what it is to
20 be good, moral, and decent citizens; he instills in them
21 integrity, compassion, honesty, love, and patriotism; teaching
22 the standards and life lessons sets students up to become
23 successful; and

24 WHEREAS, Benjamin E. Baker, as principal of Ariton
25 School, initiated a program to supply food for students on the

1 weekends; partnering with local businesses and churches,
2 Ariton School currently provides more than 70 free/reduced
3 lunch students with meals for the weekend; and

4 WHEREAS, Benjamin E. Baker, as principal of Ariton
5 School, added an "enrichment block" to provide students and
6 teachers opportunity to enhance their creativity; this block
7 established an award winning choir, art classes, award winning
8 school newspaper, and a nursery/greenhouse business; students
9 with excessive absences, excessive referrals, or low grades
10 use this time to meet with a mentor; and

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

23 WHEREAS, secondary and middle level principals are
24 nominated for this achievement by peers in their state and
25 final selections are made by committees appointed by each of

1 the national association of secondary school principals' state
2 affiliate offices; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate and
5 commend Benjamin E. Baker upon his selection as the 2016-2017
6 High School Principal of the Year for Alabama by the Alabama
7 Association of Secondary School Principals and the National
8 Association of Secondary School Principals.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 04-MAY-16

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