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8 COMMENDING ALABAMA SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES AND THE
9 INDIVIDUAL SERVICE OF SCHOOL NURSES.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to
12 the Alabama School Health Services and the individual school
13 nurses who care for the health needs of students while they
14 are in the school setting; and

15 WHEREAS, many children face complex and
16 life-threatening health problems requiring care in school;
17 motivated by humanitarian instincts and guided by diligent
18 training, school nurses address those special needs at school
19 by improving public health and ensuring a student's academic
20 success; and

21 WHEREAS, currently there are almost 2,000 part time
22 and full time licensed nurses serving almost 750,000 children
23 in Alabama schools; the needs in these children range from
24 health care advice, to routine administration of medications,
25 to emergency care, and a multitude of topics along the way
26 between those levels of care; many of these students require
27 one-on-one nursing care in the school setting; and

1 WHEREAS, approximately 30,000 students currently
2 require school administration of ordered non-emergency
3 medications; over 70,000 students require medication related
4 to asthma in the school and over 21,000 students require
5 inhaler or inhalation therapy; and

6 WHEREAS, over 60,000 students require the
7 administration of allergy medications, including administering
8 emergency epinephrine, or diabetes medications including
9 routine insulin injections and emergency Glucagon orders; and

10 WHEREAS, school nursing care must also address the
11 medications for approximately 122,000 students with Attention
12 Deficit Disorder, and approximately 5,000 students with
13 seizure disorders and requiring emergency administration for
14 certain seizures; gastric tube feedings and ventilator care
15 must also be addressed in the school setting; and

16 WHEREAS, through the years and in all their
17 endeavors, the Alabama School Health Services and school
18 nurses have earned respect for their exceptional abilities and
19 tireless dedication, and are truly deserving of special
20 recognition for their dedicated commitment to ensuring the
21 health and safety of school children in Alabama; now
22 therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Alabama School Health Services
25 and school nurses are most highly honored and commended for
26 the health care services they provide in the schools in
27 Alabama, and it is directed that a copy of this resolution of

1 tribute be provided to the Alabama School Health Services as
2 evidence of the esteem in which they are held by the people of
3 the State of Alabama.