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3 By Representative Whorton (R)
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8 RECOGNIZING CENTRAL SCHOOL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS
9 CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
12 Central School with highest commendations on the momentous
13 occasion of its 100 year anniversary during the 2017-2018
14 school year; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1916, Mr. S. R. Butler, the
16 Superintendent of Madison County Schools, first met with the
17 patrons of Ryland, Maysville, and Brownsboro to discuss
18 building a centrally located high school to consolidate each
19 of the communities' one room schoolhouses; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1916-1917, Madison County and the State
21 of Alabama had no money available to build schools; the
22 patrons of these communities set forth to raise money for the
23 materials and volunteered their time and labor to build a
24 two-story frame school building upon five acres of land
25 donated by Mr. Ben Lawler, Sr.; and

1 WHEREAS, on November 5, 1917, the Central
2 Consolidated High School with classes through the 11th grade,
3 opened its doors to a splendid audience and good enrollment;
4 the first students were transported by three covered wagons
5 and one truck type bus; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1920, an additional wing was added to
7 meet the ever increasing enrollment that had reached 390
8 students by 1922; and

9 WHEREAS, on March 1, 1931, Central Consolidated High
10 School was destroyed by fire and once again the patrons of the
11 community came together to help rebuild the school; and

12 WHEREAS, on November 3, 1931, Central Junior High
13 School with classes through the ninth grade reopened in a
14 modern brick building of beautiful architectural design with
15 large arching windows; and

16 WHEREAS, during the early 1940's, the Reagan School
17 in Salty Bottom closed and students from the western part of
18 the district were transferred to Central; the enrollment in
19 1948 had reached 328 students necessitating the addition over
20 the next decades of two wings and a lunchroom; during the
21 1967-1968 school year the student body was integrated; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1979, Brownsboro Junior High School
23 closed and its students were merged with Central; and

24 WHEREAS, on December 30, 1981, Central Junior High
25 School was again destroyed by fire and the students attended
26 the Annie C. Merts Center; and

1 WHEREAS, on January 24, 1984, classes began in the
2 new Central School with the gym named in honor of Coach Ralph
3 C. Champion; in 1998, a new middle school wing and library
4 were added; and

5 WHEREAS, over the years, the school has had expert
6 guidance and leadership and a tradition of academic
7 excellence; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a tremendous privilege
10 and honor to recognize the patrons of the Central School
11 communities and the administration, faculty, staff, and
12 students of Central School for their countless achievements on
13 the occasion of the school's 100 Year Anniversary during the
14 2017-2018 school year; and this resolution is offered to them
15 in highest tribute, along with sincere best wishes for
16 continued success in all future endeavors.