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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

26 WHEREAS, on November 5, 1917, the Central
27 Consolidated High School with classes through the 11th grade,

1 opened its doors to a splendid audience and good enrollment;
2 the first students were transported by three covered wagons
3 and one truck type bus; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, on January 24, 1984, classes began in the
26 new Central School with the gym named in honor of Coach Ralph

1 C. Champion; in 1998, a new middle school wing and library
2 were added; and

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

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