#### HJR245 ENROLLED



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- 3 By Representatives Garrett, Shaw, Hulsey, Hollis, Sellers,
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- 6 First Read: 30-Apr-24

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3	COMMENDING MR. ALLEN GILLESPIE FOR HIS
4	PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP IN
5	MUSIC EDUCATION ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.
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7	WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure,
8	highest honors, commendations, and congratulations are
9	conveyed to Mr. Desmond Allen Gillespie after a five-decade
10	career that includes choral director positions with
11	Birmingham City Schools, Jefferson County Schools, and
12	Trussville City Schools at Wenonah High School (1973-1979),
13	Huffman High School (1976-1996), Clay-Chalkville High School
14	(1996-2009), and Hewitt-Trussville High School (2009-2024);
15	and
16	WHEREAS, beginning in 1976, Mr. Gillespie built the
17	Huffman High School choral department to include four
18	choirs; the Chansoniers, which is the men's ensemble; a
19	Mixed Ensemble; Girls' Chorale; and the Concert Choir; by
20	1996 an amazing 270 students were involved in the choral
21	program; and
22	WHEREAS, in 1996, Mr. Gillespie had the privilege of
23	establishing the inaugural choral program at newly opened
24	Clay-Chalkville High School where he remained until his
25	first retirement in 2009; and
26	WHEREAS, in 2009, Mr. Gillespie agreed to teach for
27	Trussville City Schools at Hewitt-Trussville High School,

where he remained 15 years; during his tenure, Trussville

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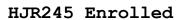
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29	City Schools was selected six times as one of the Best
30	Communities for Music Education by the National Association
31	of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation; and
32	WHEREAS, Mr. Gillespie served as President of the
33	Alabama Choral Directors Association and the Alabama Vocal
34	Association; under his leadership, choirs and their members
35	have excelled at many high-profile choral events, including
36	Alabama All-State Choral Festivals, the Alabama Music
37	Educators Conference, and area showcases; he has directed
38	choirs regularly to superior ratings in performance and
39	sight reading at AVA competitions and national competitions;
40	outside of school concerts, the choirs have performed at
41	countless community events, professional sports events, and
42	made numerous appearances on local television in Birmingham,
43	Alabama; and
44	WHEREAS, Mr. Gillespie has also served as Choir
45	Director at Pinson Methodist (1979-1986), St. John's United
46	Methodist Church (1986-1991), Huffman First United Methodist
47	(1991-Present), Director of The Miss Alabama Singers and
48	background vocals since the 1980s, and co-director of the
49	Trussville Community Choir; and
50	WHEREAS, in 2023, Mr. Gillespie was named the
51	Trussville Tribune Person of the Year; and
52	WHEREAS, Mr. Gillespie attended and graduated from
53	Berry High School, now Hoover High School, and went on to
54	earn bachelor's, master's, and education specialist degrees
55	from the University of Montevallo; and

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56 WHEREAS, Mr. Gillespie and his wife of more than 40 years, Sula, have a son, Desi, and daughter-in-law, Emma; 57 Sula is a nurse practitioner in neurology at Children's of 58 59 Alabama. 60 WHEREAS, Mr. Gillespie, known as G or Mr. G, remains beloved and highly esteemed by music educators, former 61 62 educators, and former students; now therefore, 63 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH 64 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body regards, reveres, 65 and honors Allen Gillespie in the highest manner for his numerous professional accolades and model citizenship; and, 66 along with best wishes for continued success during his 67 68 retirement, Representative Garrett and Senator Shellnutt 69 dedicate this resolution to him as an exemplary leader with utmost respect, gratitude, and admiration for all that he 70 71 has done and accomplished for the State of Alabama, Wenonah High School, Huffman High School, Clay-Chalkville High 72 73 School, Hewitt-Trussville High School, and the countless 74 lives that he has positively impacted through his 75 leadership. 76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this 77 resolution be presented to Mr. Allen Gillespie and Hewitt-Trussville High School as a demonstration of our 78 unrivaled gratitude, admiration, and respect. 79





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