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HR\_\_\_ COMMENDING PRINCIPAL PERRY UPDIKE FOR HER  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure,  
highest commendations are conveyed to Principal Perry Updike  
of W.S. Neal Middle School for her notable contributions to  
the field of education and to her community, especially the  
City of East Brewton and all of Escambia County; and

WHEREAS, a native of East Brewton, Mrs. Updike  
graduated from W.S. Neal High School in 2002; she  
matriculated to Jefferson Davis Community College, now  
Coastal Alabama Community College, for one year, then  
transferred to The University of Alabama, where she earned  
both a bachelor's and master's degree in secondary education  
with a concentration in history; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Updike has held numerous educational  
positions throughout her career; she was a teacher at  
Escambia County High School for three years; a teacher at  
Brewton Middle School for five years; Assistant Principal at  
W.S. Neal Middle School for one year; and she has been the  
Principal of W.S. Neal Middle School since November 2020;  
and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Updike's contributions to W.S. Neal  
Middle School have been invaluable to the staff, students,  
and parents; the teachers extol her visionary leadership



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29 that inspires innovation, fosters a culture of academic  
30 excellence, and creates a supportive environment where  
31 students and teachers can thrive; and they applaud her  
32 investment in the success and well-being of every student;  
33 her tireless efforts have positively impacted countless  
34 lives; and

35 WHEREAS, Mrs. Updike's leadership extends beyond the  
36 confines of the school walls; her active involvement with  
37 the local community is well-known as she forges  
38 partnerships and collaborations to enrich the educational  
39 experience of her beloved students; and

40 WHEREAS, Principal Perry Updike is known throughout  
41 Escambia County for her generosity of time and sacrifice of  
42 self, her tireless work ethic, and her love of her hometown  
43 schools and community; on School Principals' Day, May 1,  
44 2024, we pause to thank her for her unyielding dedication  
45 and determination to provide a successful and positive  
46 learning environment at W.S. Neal Middle School; now  
47 therefore,

48 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
49 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in tribute to her outstanding  
50 leadership and commitment to W.S. Neal Middle School, we  
51 commend Principal Perry Updike for exemplary dedication to  
52 the field of education and to her community and we hereby  
53 dedicate this resolution to her with utmost gratitude and  
54 admiration, along with best wishes for continued success.