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3 By Representative Gidley
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4 HR_____ COMMENDING GAIL CHAFFIN KELLEY FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS
5 TO EDUCATION ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT.
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7 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, Gail
8 Chaffin Kelley is highly congratulated and commended for her
9 many professional achievements in the field of education and
10 for her notable contributions to her community on the
11 occasion of her retirement; she holds the record in Etowah
12 County for the most years of service in education with 54
13 total years; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelley is a 1966 graduate from Gadsden
15 High School; she obtained her Bachelor of Science in
16 Education from Jacksonville State University in 1970, and
17 she later earned a master's degree and her Class AA teaching
18 certificate at The University of Alabama; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelley has had a profound and lasting
20 impact on generations of students; she began her teaching
21 career at Sand Rock High School in 1971; she then moved to
22 Oneonta High School where she taught from 1972-1974; and
23 finally she found her home at Hokes Bluff High School, where
24 she has remained for almost 52 years; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelley has a heart for education;
26 throughout her career, she has taught courses in both
27 English and Physical Education; her true passion was for 9th
28 grade English, which she taught for over 40 years; in



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29 addition to high school, Mrs. Kelley also lent her expertise
30 to Gadsden State Community College, where she taught English
31 101 as an adjunct professor; and

32 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelley has consistently been a fervent
33 advocate for her students, even outside of the classroom;
34 over the course of her 54-year tenure as an educator, she
35 has served as a Student Government Association sponsor and
36 cheerleader sponsor; additionally, she served as the Etowah
37 County Education Association Representative for Hokes Bluff
38 High School for many years; and

39 WHEREAS, gifted with creativity, patience, and a love
40 of literature and writing, she has given generously of her
41 time and efforts to tutor students after school and has
42 often helped underprivileged students secure school supplies
43 and food items; and

44 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelley has received many awards and
45 accolades over the years, including, but in no way limited
46 to, being voted by her peers as the Hokes Bluff High School
47 Teacher of the Year on more than one occasion and being
48 selected as the Etowah County Teacher of the Year; and

49 WHEREAS, outside of the classroom, Gail and her
50 husband Gerald have raised show horses; she loves animals
51 and has volunteered with and donated to the Humane Society
52 for decades, often taking in foster animals; in her
53 retirement, she plans to spend time on her farm with her
54 beloved horses, cats, and dogs; she is also a devoted member
55 of Whorton Bend Baptist Church, where she teaches Sunday
56 School; and



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57 WHEREAS, Gail Kelley has lived a life of devotion to
58 God, family, church, and Hokes Bluff High School; her
59 dedication to her students and fellow teachers is an
60 integral part of her notable legacy; she represents
61 excellence, intelligence, and an unwavering commitment to
62 teaching; her abilities, vast knowledge, determination, and
63 especially her loyalty will be greatly missed by the school
64 that she has dedicated most of her life to serving; and

65 WHEREAS, we wish Gail Kelley immeasurable happiness
66 during her retirement, but undoubtedly her dedication to
67 service and education will not end when she crosses the
68 threshold of her classroom for the last time; rather, the
69 commendations within this resolution are given with the
70 knowledge that she will continue mentoring young people and
71 influencing our future generations for many days to come;
72 now therefore,

73 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
74 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition of her
75 outstanding record of professional achievement and committed
76 service to the field of education and her community for over
77 54 years, Gail Chaffin Kelley is honored and commended, and
78 this resolution is offered to her in highest tribute and
79 with deepest appreciation, along with best wishes as she
80 embarks upon her well-deserved retirement.