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3 By Senators Smitherman, Coleman-Madison, Coleman, Waggoner,
4 Shelnutt, Roberts, Singleton, Sessions, Carnley, Hovey, Allen,
5 Beasley, Albritton, Butler, Chesteen, Williams, Price,
6 Barfoot, Weaver
7 RFD:
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4 SJR___ COMMENDING DR. WALTER B. GONSOULIN, JR. FOR BEING
5 NAMED THE 2025 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS
6 NATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR.

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8 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure,
9 highest commendations and congratulations are conveyed to
10 Dr. Walter B. Gonsoulin, Jr. for being named the 2025
11 American of Association of School Administrators (AASA)
12 National Superintendent of the Year, one of the highest
13 honors in educational leadership; and

14 WHEREAS, AASA Superintendent of the Year candidates
15 are nominated by their state associations; the candidates
16 are judged on leadership for learning, communication,
17 professionalism, and community involvement; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Gonsoulin, a native of New Iberia,
19 Louisiana, holds multiple degrees in education and
20 leadership; he has been an educator for over two decades and
21 began his career as a special education teacher,
22 demonstrating his commitment to inclusive education and
23 student success; as Superintendent of Jefferson County
24 Public Schools, he oversees the second-largest school
25 district in Alabama with 57 schools, more than 36,000
26 students, and 4,500 employees; and

27 WHEREAS, as a future-forward educator, Dr. Gonsoulin
28 has a vision that centers on student achievement, career



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readiness, and creating opportunities that empower and prepare young people for a competitive global economy; some of his milestone achievements include, establishing more than 20 Signature Academies throughout the school system that provide students with career-focused learning experiences; increasing the number of students earning industry-recognized credentials, enhancing workforce readiness; and leading the Jefferson County Public Schools Class of 2024 in securing a record \$108 million in scholarship offers; and

WHEREAS, beyond his role as superintendent, Dr. Gonsoulin is a strong advocate for education policy, leadership development, and community collaboration and works as a diversity consultant throughout the Southern and Northeast regions of the United States; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. Walter B. Gonsoulin, Jr. is highly commended and warmly congratulated for being named the 2025 AASA National Superintendent of the Year, an honor that he earned through his innovative leadership in student-centered education that pushes students to succeed post-graduation, and this resolution is offered to him as evidence of our high regard and with best wishes for continued success and prosperity.