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3 By Representative Carns  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 17-Feb-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 HONORING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF  
5 INDEPENDENCE AND RECOMMITTING TO THE FOUNDING IDEALS OF  
6 VIRTUE AND EDUCATION AND COMMENDING FORMER UNITED STATES  
7 SECRETARY OF EDUCATION WILLIAM J. BENNETT FOR HIS  
8 CONTRIBUTIONS TO ADVANCE THESE IDEALS.

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10 WHEREAS, the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of  
11 Independence represents an ideal time to reflect and  
12 reengage with the critical foundations of our nation; and

13 WHEREAS, our nation's Founding Fathers repeatedly  
14 emphasized the necessity of an educated populace, and in  
15 particular, a populace educated in the fundamental concepts  
16 of virtue; and

17 WHEREAS, the continuation of any republic  
18 fundamentally depends upon an educated and virtuous public;  
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20 WHEREAS, in too many instances, our schools have  
21 strayed from ensuring that students are regularly exposed to  
22 the timeless and fundamental concepts of virtue, such as  
23 honesty, courage, perseverance, work, and compassion; and

24 WHEREAS, we commend those who have, throughout their  
25 careers, worked to advance character and virtue education, a  
26 leader among them being former United States Secretary of  
27 Education William J. Bennett, author of *The Book of Virtues*  
28 and *The Children's Book of Virtues*; and



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29           WHEREAS, at this critical juncture in our history,  
30 the State of Alabama should recommit to infusing robust  
31 character and virtue education into our schools; and

32           WHEREAS, reading timeless stories of individuals,  
33 both from Alabama and beyond, who exhibit timeless virtues  
34 in our schools is an ideal way for children to learn about  
35 and grow into virtuous adults; now therefore,

36           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
37 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Legislature of Alabama  
38 commends all those committed to the endeavor of exposing our  
39 children to the critical and timeless characteristics of a  
40 virtuous life, including Dr. William J. Bennett, and further  
41 encourages all schools to review all aspects of their  
42 educational programming and seek to infuse character and  
43 virtue education into all aspects of their day.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was passed by the House 19-Feb-26, as amended.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

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Senate	<hr/> <b>24-Feb-26</b> <hr/>	Amended and Adopted
House	<hr/> <b>25-Feb-26</b> <hr/>	Concurred in Senate Amendment