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3 By Representative Pringle
4 RFD: RULES
5 First Read: 18-Apr-24



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 HONORING DR. WILLIAM PATRICK TAYLOR FOR OUTSTANDING
4 CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. William Patrick Taylor has dedicated
6 over four decades to the field of education, particularly
7 within independent school settings; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's illustrious career began in
9 1972 as a teacher at St. Paul's Episcopal School, where he
10 taught history, civics, and psychology, marking the
11 beginning of his lifelong commitment to nurturing young
12 minds; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's leadership capabilities were
14 quickly recognized, leading to his appointments as Dean of
15 Students, Middle School Director, and eventually Head of
16 School or Principal at various institutions, including St.
17 Paul's Episcopal School, Houston Academy, and Jackson
18 Academy in Jackson, Mississippi, where he served as Head of
19 School from 2007 to 2017; and

20 WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as an educator, Dr.
21 Taylor demonstrated exemplary dedication to professional
22 growth and development, earning degrees in Secondary
23 Education, History, and Political Science, culminating in a
24 Ph.D. from LaSalle University in 1998; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's commitment to excellence
26 extended beyond the classroom, as evidenced by his
27 participation in numerous seminars, conventions, and annual
28 meetings, where he shared his expertise and learned from



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29 fellow educators, enriching the educational landscape across
30 state lines; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's contributions to enhancing
32 accreditation models and standards through the Southern
33 Association of Colleges and Schools and the Southern
34 Association of Independent Schools while leading consulting
35 visitations further illustrate his dedication to enhancing
36 educational standards, providing invaluable guidance to
37 institutions seeking continuous improvement and
38 accreditation; and

39 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's passion for innovation and
40 improvement is exemplified through his numerous
41 presentations, publications, and grants, where he shared
42 insights on topics ranging from learning disabilities to
43 drug testing in schools, leaving a lasting impact on
44 educational practices nationwide; and

45 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor unified hundreds of public and
46 private schools to curb underage drinking through the
47 creation of the Mobile Underage Drinking Taskforce, which
48 served as a model for other communities throughout the
49 Southeast; and

50 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's exemplary service and
51 leadership have been recognized through various honors and
52 awards, including the AAIS Distinguished Service Award, SACS
53 Distinguished Service Award, and the prestigious SAIS
54 Distinguished Service Award; and

55 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's commitment to community and
56 professional associations, including his involvement with



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57 Boy Scouts of America, Rotary Club, Alabama Independent
58 School Association Board of Trustees, and various other
59 educational committees, reflects his dedication to serving
60 not only students but also the broader community; and

61 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor has served as a mentor to
62 countless educators throughout his career, including no
63 fewer than six heads of school currently leading
64 institutions throughout the Southeast, leaving a legacy of
65 excellence in leadership that will endure for generations;
66 now therefore,

67 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
68 ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby
69 honor and commend Dr. William Patrick Taylor for his
70 outstanding contributions to independent school education
71 and his unwavering commitment to fostering excellence in
72 teaching and learning, and we hereby dedicate this
73 resolution to him with utmost gratitude and admiration,
74 along with best wishes for continued success.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 23-Apr-24.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

25-Apr-24

Adopted