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3 By Representatives Wilcox, Gaston, Clarke, Pringle, Drummond,
4 Bracy, Simpson, Brown (C), Jones (S) and Stringer
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COMMENDING TYLER HORTON MURRAY ON HER EFFORTS TO
EQUALIZE GIRLS AND BOYS SPORTS IN MOBILE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, a strong State of Alabama starts in our homes, schools, and neighborhoods; equity exists when everyone has access to opportunities necessary to satisfy essential needs, advance their well being, participate in and contribute to life and achieve their full potential; equity is both the means to a strong and thriving community and an end that benefits us all; evidence shows that equitable societies have better, long-term economic, health, and social outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Horton Murray, a Theodore High School 17-year veteran softball coach and teacher, firmly believes in these fundamentals; upon perceiving that the female athletes in the softball program at the school were lacking access to training facilities equal to those of the football players, in 2008, Coach Murray took action and diligently pursued every remedy in her stand against inequity; and

WHEREAS, Coach Murray recognized the injustices in the softball team's weight machines being removed from a

1 weight room and the girls were forced to work out in
2 uncomfortable locations, such as stairwells and the shower
3 area; the football program also received an unfair portion of
4 the funding donations to the school's athletic department; and
5 the football coaches earned more than the coaches of the other
6 sports; and

7 WHEREAS, as a result of Coach Murray's efforts, in
8 2010, the Mobile County School Board adopted a resolution to
9 improve the equity of girls sports to boys sports throughout
10 the county and is endeavoring to meet the needs of all student
11 athletes and provide the equipment, facilities, and pay for
12 all coaches; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Murray was uniquely positioned to
14 address and take action against these pervasive biases and to
15 fight against egalitarian norms, working tirelessly to reduce
16 the bias; she believed she had the ability to help achieve
17 equity in girls and boys sports and truly made a difference in
18 the lives of her students; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby commend Tyler
21 Horton Murray on her dedication to education and student
22 athletes and her unwavering efforts to equalize girls and boys
23 sports in Mobile County and this resolution is offered in
24 deepest admiration and appreciation, as well as with sincere
25 wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.