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3 By Representatives Boothe and Clouse
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8 CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING BENJAMIN E. BAKER.

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10 WHEREAS, Benjamin E. Baker, principal of Ariton
11 School in the Dale County School System was named the
12 2016-2017 High School Principal of the Year for Alabama by the
13 Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals; and

14 WHEREAS, Benjamin E. Baker earned a Bachelor's
15 Degree in Secondary Education and a Master's Degree in
16 Educational Leadership from Troy University; and

17 WHEREAS, Benjamin E. Baker has served as an educator
18 for 19 years, 12 years as an administrator; and

19 WHEREAS, as a principal of Ariton School, Benjamin
20 E. Baker's greatest contribution is the life lessons he
21 teaches his students; the graduates of Ariton School are not
22 only prepared for college and career, but know what it is to
23 be good, moral, and decent citizens; he instills in them
24 integrity, compassion, honesty, love, and patriotism; teaching
25 the standards and life lessons sets students up to become
26 successful; and

1 WHEREAS, Benjamin E. Baker, as principal of Ariton
2 School, initiated a program to supply food for students on the
3 weekends; partnering with local businesses and churches,
4 Ariton School currently provides more than 70 free/reduced
5 lunch students with meals for the weekend; and

6 WHEREAS, Benjamin E. Baker, as principal of Ariton
7 School, added an "enrichment block" to provide students and
8 teachers opportunity to enhance their creativity; this block
9 established an award winning choir, art classes, award winning
10 school newspaper, and a nursery/greenhouse business; students
11 with excessive absences, excessive referrals, or low grades
12 use this time to meet with a mentor; and

13 WHEREAS, each year, the National Association of
14 Secondary School Principals congratulates principals from
15 across the nation for their exemplary achievements by
16 recognizing them in its Principal of the Year Program; the
17 Principal of the Year Program, established in 1993, honors
18 outstanding secondary and middle level principals who ensure
19 that America's students acquire a sound foundation for
20 lifelong learning and achievement; the program honors
21 secondary and middle level principals who have succeeded in
22 providing high quality learning opportunities for students as
23 well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the
24 profession; and

25 WHEREAS, secondary and middle level principals are
26 nominated for this achievement by peers in their state and
27 final selections are made by committees appointed by each of

1 the national association of secondary school principals' state
2 affiliate offices; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby congratulate and
5 commend Benjamin E. Baker upon his selection as the 2016-2017
6 High School Principal of the Year for Alabama by the Alabama
7 Association of Secondary School Principals and the National
8 Association of Secondary School Principals.