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3 By Representative Sanderford  
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8 COMMENDING MOUNTAIN GAP SCHOOL ON THE OCCASION OF  
9 ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
12 presented to Mountain Gap School on the momentous occasion of  
13 its 50th Anniversary Celebration; and

14 WHEREAS, a 50th Anniversary Celebration is a  
15 milestone occasion upon which to uplift the illustrious  
16 educational institution's history and accomplishments; and

17 WHEREAS, Mountain Gap School opened on February 1966  
18 with 987 students although construction was not quite  
19 complete; and

20 WHEREAS, the school's first elementary teachers were  
21 Augusta Black, Ann Sanders, Sandy McGuire, Dorothy Crowley,  
22 Jane Woodfin, Ruby Proctor, Jeri Jackson, Peggy Householder,  
23 Merle Englebert, Janice Martin, Doris Ingram, Nancy Brown,  
24 Elanor Kilbourne, and Peggy Pettiprin; and

25 WHEREAS, the first junior high school teachers were  
26 Judy Bailey, Val Fulmer, Betty Gibson, Bob Englebert, Betty  
27 Rogers, Molly Hendricks, and Lindo Bobo; music and band was

1 taught by Esther Lowell and physical education was led by  
2 Nancy Garner; Mr. Robert E. Davis, who served as the first  
3 principal responsible for both elementary and junior high  
4 students, continued to pave a successful path for all future  
5 Mountain Gap principals until 1973; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1982, the school made a decision that  
7 the students would be most efficiently addressed by hiring two  
8 principals, one elementary principal and one junior high  
9 principal; Mrs. JoAnn Sturdivant was appointed as the first  
10 elementary school principal; and

11 WHEREAS, highlights of the school's history include  
12 a new wing being built to house elementary students in 1976,  
13 the addition of a new physical education building and  
14 Kindergarten units in the fall of 1982, the hiring of its  
15 first full time physical education teacher, Mrs. Betty Byrne,  
16 in 1983, the addition of a band room for junior high students,  
17 and the addition of a computer lab in 1985; and

18 WHEREAS, Mountain Gap operated as two separate  
19 schools, Mountain Gap Elementary and Mountain Gap Middle  
20 School until the 2012 to 2013 academic year when the two  
21 schools joined to become Mountain Gap School; today, under the  
22 expert guidance and leadership of Mrs. Heather Bardwell,  
23 Mountain Gap School continues its tradition of academic  
24 excellence; and

25 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize  
26 the administration, faculty, staff, and students of Mountain  
27 Gap School for their countless achievements on the occasion of

1 the school's 50 Anniversary Celebration, which is being held  
2 on February 28, 2016; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the administration, faculty,  
5 staff, and students of Mountain Gap School are honored and  
6 commended on the occasion of Mountain Gap School's 50th  
7 Anniversary Celebration, and this resolution is offered to  
8 them in highest tribute, along with sincere best wishes for  
9 continued success in all future endeavors.