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HR_____ COMMENDING MR. LEE BROWNELL ON BEING SELECTED AS THE DR. WERNHER VON BRAUN AEROSPACE TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee Brownell, a teacher of physical and space science at Russellville Middle School, has been named the Dr. Wernher von Braun Aerospace Teacher of the Year by the Huntsville Chapter of the National Space Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brownell was chosen from a field of a dozen teachers who adapt their curriculums to inspire interest and curiosity in space exploration and learning; he will receive an award of \$500 for classroom materials and will attend the formal Wernher von Braun Memorial Dinner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brownell received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of North Alabama, Master's Degrees in Middle School Education and Counseling from LaGrange College, and earned an Education Specialist Degree in Middle School Education from Columbia State University; he has been a popular and inspirational teacher at Russellville Middle School for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, his teaching philosophy involves applying humor to build rapport with students and make learning fun, and he uses laboratory work to promote interactive learning through experimentation; he helps students relate to the advantages of space exploration by pointing to the



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29 development of everyday by-products such as microwave ovens,
30 Velcro, and Tang; and

31 WHEREAS, the husband of Debra and father of Shelby
32 and Chloe, Mr. Brownell is a fully engaged teacher who
33 stimulates young people to be equally engaged in learning;
34 while students may vaguely remember some of their other
35 classes in the future, they will never forget their
36 experiences under his direction and will carry an exciting
37 body of knowledge into their later academic pursuits; now
38 therefore,

39 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
40 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we extend heartiest
41 congratulations to Mr. Lee Brownell on being named the Dr.
42 Wernher von Braun Aerospace Teacher of the year, and we
43 offer this resolution in tribute to a special educator who
44 is making a difference for Alabama's students.