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3 By Senators Whatley, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Figures,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Ward, and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 21-MAY-15

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4 ENROLLED, SJR80,

5 RECOGNIZING DR. FARRELL SEYMORE AS THE 2015-2016
6 ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR.

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8 WHEREAS, Dr. Farrell Seymore, principal of Opelika
9 High School in the Opelika City School System in Lee County,
10 Alabama, was named the 2015-2016 Principal of the Year for
11 Alabama by the National Association of Secondary School
12 Principals and the Alabama Association of Secondary School
13 Principals; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Farrell Seymore earned his Bachelor's
15 Degree in 1997 from Auburn University, a Master's Degree in
16 2001 from Auburn University, and a Doctorate of Philosophy
17 Degree from Auburn University in 2011; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Farrell Seymore has served as an
19 educator in Alabama for 18 years and as an administrator for
20 13 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Farrell Seymore, as principal of
22 Opelika High School, is credited with changing the climate of
23 Opelika High School to a student-centered learning culture;
24 inspired by Dufour's idea of professional learning
25 communities, a series of book studies was launched; as a

1 result of the book studies and changes made during
2 problem-solving sessions, the school's culture shifted into
3 the desired focus areas; since then, the school has increased
4 in advanced placement course participation by making courses
5 more rigorous, giving students a selection of course
6 offerings, and helping students achieve the level of learning
7 necessary to be successful; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Farrell Seymore, as principal of
9 Opelika High School, led the efforts to increase offerings in
10 career technical education and the implementation of Alabama's
11 College and Career-Ready Standards which have played an
12 integral role in defining student success and preparing
13 students for college or the workforce; not only do these
14 programs help meet the needs of Opelika High School students,
15 but they address business and industry needs in the area; the
16 school has developed a credentialing program for Microsoft
17 Office, a health science program, and an information
18 technology program; and

19 WHEREAS, each year, the National Association of
20 Secondary School Principals congratulates principals from
21 across the nation for their exemplary achievements by
22 recognizing them in its Principal of the Year program; the
23 Principal of the Year Program established in 1993 honors
24 outstanding secondary and middle-level principals who ensure
25 that America's students acquire a sound foundation for

1 lifelong learning and achievement; the program annually honors
2 secondary and middle-level principals who have succeeded in
3 providing high quality learning opportunities for students as
4 well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the
5 profession; and

6 WHEREAS, secondary and middle-level principals are
7 nominated for this achievement by peers in their state and
8 final selections are made by committees appointed by each of
9 the national association of secondary school principals' state
10 affiliate offices; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a privilege to recognize
13 Dr. Farrell Seymore, principal of Opelika High School, for
14 being named the 2015-2016 Principal of the Year for Alabama by
15 the National Association of Secondary School Principals and
16 the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 21-MAY-15
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 26-MAY-15

By: Senator Whatley