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

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11 WHEREAS, Principal of Opelika High School in the
12 Opelika City School System in Lee County was named the
13 2015-2016 Principal of the Year for Alabama by the National
14 Association of Secondary School Principals and the Alabama
15 Association of Secondary School Principals; and

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

20 WHEREAS, he has dutifully served as an educator in
21 Alabama for 18 years, with 13 of those years as an
22 administrator; and

23 WHEREAS, as Principal of Opelika High School, Dr.
24 Seymore is credited with changing the climate of the high
25 school to a student-centered learning culture; inspired by
26 Dufour's idea of professional learning communities, a series
27 of book studies was launched resulting in a culture shift into

1 the desired focus areas and an increase in advanced placement
2 course participation, expanded course offerings, and
3 assistance to students in achieving the level of learning
4 necessary to be successful; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Seymore led efforts to increase
6 offerings in career technical education and the implementation
7 of Alabama's College-and-Career Ready Standards which have
8 played an integral role in defining student success and
9 preparation for college or the workforce; not only do these
10 programs also meet the needs of Opelika High School students,
11 but they address business and industry needs in the area as
12 evidenced by the development of a credentialing program for
13 Microsoft Office, a health science program, and an information
14 technology program; and

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

24 WHEREAS, secondary and middle-level principals are
25 nominated for this achievement by peers in their state and
26 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 it is a privilege to
5 recognize Dr. Farrell Seymore, Principal of Opelika High
6 School, for being named the 2015-2016 Principal of the Year
7 for Alabama by the National Association of Secondary School
8 Principals and the Alabama Association of Secondary School
9 Principals.