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3 By Representatives Shedd, Harbison, Henry and Standridge
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8 RECOGNIZING WALLACE STATE NURSING AS A CENTER OF
9 EXCELLENCE.

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11 WHEREAS, the Wallace State Community College
12 Department of Nursing Education was named a Center of
13 Excellence in Nursing Education by the National League of
14 Nursing, a designation which extends through 2020; and

15 WHEREAS, Wallace State is the only community in the
16 State of Alabama to receive the National League of Nursing's
17 Center of Excellence recognition, and one of only two colleges
18 or universities in the state to earn the honor; and

19 WHEREAS, since Wallace State opened the School of
20 Nursing and Center for Science in 2014, this state-of-the-art
21 educational facility and simulation center has become a
22 national model for other college and university nursing
23 programs; and

24 WHEREAS, Nursing Department Chairperson Deborah
25 "Pepper" Hoover has been recognized as the Healthcare
26 Professional of the Year by the Cullman Area Chamber of
27 Commerce; and

1 WHEREAS, Hoover, along with Dr. Diane Wilhite, Janet
2 Brown, Disha Patel, Jennifer Dunkle, and Dr. Johnny McMoy
3 authored the award-winning National League of Nursing Center
4 of Excellence report, which reflects the collaborative efforts
5 of the entire WSCC nursing faculty, who are truly exceptional;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Let's Pretend Hospital, a Wallace State
8 Nursing activity that introduces area first graders to a mock
9 hospital environment to alleviate fear associated with health
10 care and introduce students to careers early, has become a
11 national model for community outreach; and

12 WHEREAS, the Wallace State Nursing Program also
13 participates in the Children's of Alabama Kids on the Block
14 puppetry program, and through the department's SWELL (Safety
15 Wellness Education for Lifestyle Learning) program, shares
16 lessons on personal health and safety with thousands of area
17 primary and elementary school students; and

18 WHEREAS, Wallace State's Department of Nursing
19 Education graduates earn outstanding job placement and
20 licensure results on NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN exams, which are
21 well above national averages; and

22 WHEREAS, the Wallace State Department of Nursing
23 Education boasts higher success rates than a majority of
24 university baccalaureate degree programs for RNs in the state
25 according to the Alabama Board of Nursing; and

1 WHEREAS, the Wallace State Department of Nursing
2 Education Practical Nursing Program ranked No. 1 in the nation
3 for licensure pass rates by Nursing.org; and

4 WHEREAS, Wallace State is ranked among the Top 50
5 colleges in the nation for the number of health care graduates
6 produced according to Community College Week; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Wallace State Department
9 of Nursing Education is honored and commended, and this
10 resolution is offered to the remarkable entity in highest
11 tribute, along with sincere best wishes for continued success
12 in all future endeavors.