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HR___ COMMENDING OAK MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY AND CONGRATULATING DR. LARRY HAYNES ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

WHEREAS, commendations are herein proudly presented to Oak Mountain Middle School on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; we are also very pleased to congratulate Dr. Larry Haynes on the occasion of his retirement as Principal of Oak Mountain Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Oak Mountain Middle School opened its doors in 1993 as a Shelby County School serving Indian Springs Village and Greater North Shelby County; since that time, the school has achieved awards and accolades for its academic programs, arts programs, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, some of the awards include the Alabama Department of Education Award for Exceeding the Challenge, which recognizes the faculty's efforts in addressing the needs of special education students, minority students, non-native English speaking students, and gifted students; the school has twice been recognized by two Attorney Generals with the Alabama Safe Schools Initiative Award of Excellence in 2010 and for Building a Culture for School Safety in 2019; Advanced English Language Arts and Mathematics teacher, Jeffrey Norris, was named Alabama Teacher of the Year in 2023; and



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29 WHEREAS, Oak Mountain Middle School's students
30 consistently earn some of the best standardized test scores
31 in Math and Reading in the State; its band and choir
32 programs have earned superior ratings and first place scores
33 in regional, state, and national competitions; the robotics
34 program has also earned first place honors at competitions
35 both regionally and nationally; Duke University's Talent
36 Identification Program finds that Oak Mountain Middle School
37 educates some of the most academically prepared students in
38 the country; and

39 WHEREAS, Oak Mountain Middle School has greatly
40 benefited from the leadership of Dr. Larry Haynes, who has
41 served as Principal for the last 19 years; Dr. Haynes was
42 named Alabama's Middle School Principal of the Year in 2022;
43 it is a privilege to honor Dr. Haynes on the occasion of the
44 school's 30th anniversary, and we thank him for his
45 commitment to the success of the school, its faculty and
46 staff, and the community the school serves; and

47 WHEREAS, the success of the school and its students
48 is due to the unwavering and steadfast tutelage of the
49 faculty and staff and the administrators to the field of
50 education, and their recognition is highly deserved; now
51 therefore,

52 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
53 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Oak Mountain Middle School is
54 warmly congratulated for 30 years of service to the
55 community and providing an excellent education to its
56 students, and we dedicate this resolution with sincere and



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57 utmost admiration along with best wishes for continued
58 success.