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HJR___ HONORING DR. WILLIAM PATRICK TAYLOR FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, Dr. William Patrick Taylor has dedicated over four decades to the field of education, particularly within independent school settings; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's illustrious career began in 1972 as a teacher at St. Paul's Episcopal School, where he taught history, civics, and psychology, marking the beginning of his lifelong commitment to nurturing young minds; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's leadership capabilities were quickly recognized, leading to his appointments as Dean of Students, Middle School Director, and eventually Head of School or Principal at various institutions, including St. Paul's Episcopal School, Houston Academy, and Jackson Academy in Jackson, Mississippi, where he served as Head of School from 2007 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as an educator, Dr. Taylor demonstrated exemplary dedication to professional growth and development, earning degrees in Secondary Education, History, and Political Science, culminating in a Ph.D. from LaSalle University in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's commitment to excellence extended beyond the classroom, as evidenced by his



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29 participation in numerous seminars, conventions, and annual
30 meetings, where he shared his expertise and learned from
31 fellow educators, enriching the educational landscape across
32 state lines; and

33 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's contributions to enhancing
34 accreditation models and standards through the Southern
35 Association of Colleges and Schools and the Southern
36 Association of Independent Schools while leading consulting
37 visitations further illustrate his dedication to enhancing
38 educational standards, providing invaluable guidance to
39 institutions seeking continuous improvement and
40 accreditation; and

41 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's passion for innovation and
42 improvement is exemplified through his numerous
43 presentations, publications, and grants, where he shared
44 insights on topics ranging from learning disabilities to
45 drug testing in schools, leaving a lasting impact on
46 educational practices nationwide; and

47 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor unified hundreds of public and
48 private schools to curb underage drinking through the
49 creation of the Mobile Underage Drinking Taskforce, which
50 served as a model for other communities throughout the
51 Southeast; and

52 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's exemplary service and
53 leadership have been recognized through various honors and
54 awards, including the AAIS Distinguished Service Award, SACS
55 Distinguished Service Award, and the prestigious SAIS
56 Distinguished Service Award; and



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57 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's commitment to community and
58 professional associations, including his involvement with
59 Boy Scouts of America, Rotary Club, Alabama Independent
60 School Association Board of Trustees, and various other
61 educational committees, reflects his dedication to serving
62 not only students but also the broader community; and

63 WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor has served as a mentor to
64 countless educators throughout his career, including no
65 fewer than six heads of school currently leading
66 institutions throughout the Southeast, leaving a legacy of
67 excellence in leadership that will endure for generations;
68 now therefore,

69 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
70 ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby
71 honor and commend Dr. William Patrick Taylor for his
72 outstanding contributions to independent school education
73 and his unwavering commitment to fostering excellence in
74 teaching and learning, and we hereby dedicate this
75 resolution to him with utmost gratitude and admiration,
76 along with best wishes for continued success.