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8	RECOGNIZING CENTRAL SCHOOL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS
9	CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.
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11	WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
12	Central School with highest commendations on the momentous
13	occasion of its 100 year anniversary during the 2017-2018
14	school year; and
15	WHEREAS, in 1916, Mr. S. R. Butler, the
16	Superintendent of Madison County Schools, first met with the
17	patrons of Ryland, Maysville, and Brownsboro to discuss
18	building a centrally located high school to consolidate each
19	of the communities' one room schoolhouses; and
20	WHEREAS, in 1916-1917, Madison County and the State
21	of Alabama had no money available to build schools; the
22	patrons of these communities set forth to raise money for the
23	materials and volunteered their time and labor to build a
24	two-story frame school building upon five acres of land
25	donated by Mr. Ben Lawler, Sr.; and

1 WHEREAS, on November 5, 1917, the Central 2 Consolidated High School with classes through the 11th grade, 3 opened its doors to a splendid audience and good enrollment; the first students were transported by three covered wagons 4 and one truck type bus; and 5 WHEREAS, in 1920, an additional wing was added to 6 7 meet the ever increasing enrollment that had reached 390 students by 1922; and 8 WHEREAS, on March 1, 1931, Central Consolidated High 9 School was destroyed by fire and once again the patrons of the 10 11 community came together to help rebuild the school; and 12 WHEREAS, on November 3, 1931, Central Junior High School with classes through the ninth grade reopened in a 13 14 modern brick building of beautiful architectural design with 15 large arching windows; and 16 WHEREAS, during the early 1940's, the Reagan School 17 in Salty Bottom closed and students from the western part of the district were transferred to Central; the enrollment in 18 1948 had reached 328 students necessitating the addition over 19 20 the next decades of two wings and a lunchroom; during the 21 1967-1968 school year the student body was integrated; and 22 WHEREAS, in 1979, Brownsboro Junior High School 23 closed and its students were merged with Central; and WHEREAS, on December 30, 1981, Central Junior High 24 25 School was again destroyed by fire and the students attended 26 the Annie C. Merts Center; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 1984, classes began in the new Central School with the gym named in honor of Coach Ralph C. Champion; in 1998, a new middle school wing and library were added; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the school has had expert guidance and leadership and a tradition of academic excellence; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a tremendous privilege and honor to recognize the patrons of the Central School communities and the administration, faculty, staff, and students of Central School for their countless achievements on the occasion of the school's 100 Year Anniversary during the 2017-2018 school year; and this resolution is offered to them in highest tribute, along with sincere best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.