

## **RESOLUTION COMMENDING 2021-2022 ALABAMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND SECONDARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR KIMBERLY JOHNSON, AUBURN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AUBURN CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that employment demands for highly skilled K-12 teachers is projected to grow even more significantly from 2022 to 2029; and

**WHEREAS**, rising student enrollments throughout our country continue to increase the need for highly professional kindergarten, elementary, and high school educators nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, accomplished 2021-2022 Alabama Teacher of the Year Kimberly Johnson is an excellent example of educational leadership, mentorship, and classroom innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, over the entire span of her 24-year career, Alabama Teacher of the Year Kimberly Johnson has focused on developing the essential and full set of life-skills of her students, while also providing a solid foundation of engaging classroom experiences to support and boost learning; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1999 as a returning second-year teacher, she spent her entire summer in Alabama Reading Initiative training – a key turning point in her career; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional development she received was challenging but, ultimately, one of the most rewarding experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, that same summer she fully committed to utilizing a student-centered approach to teaching, which is still a central part of her teaching methodology and focus today; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama Teacher of the Year Kimberly Johnson has earned an education specialist degree, is a successfully published author, and is a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT); and

**WHEREAS**, her focus remains on developing more meaningful and authentic classroom approaches to help every student reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama Teacher of the Year Kimberly Johnson has been a vital part of the Auburn City School System's District Strategic Planning Team, a U.S. Space Academy Counselor, a presenter at the National Council of English Teachers Convention, and a member of the International Honorary Organization for Women Educators; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama Teacher of the Year Kimberly Johnson now teaches at Auburn Junior High School, Auburn City School System, and often expresses how deeply inspired she was to become an educator by her personal experiences growing up in Anniston; and

**WHEREAS**, she wholeheartedly believes it is essential to provide every student with positive experiences to help them connect their classroom learning to the world around them; and

**WHEREAS**, as a student, Alabama Teacher of the Year Kimberly Johnson developed her genuine appreciation for learning from her loving mother, close family-friends, and classroom teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, she encourages her students each day to truly understand that academic excellence requires *personal* perseverance; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama Teacher of the Year Kimberly Johnson is an excellent professional example for all educators statewide; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education congratulates Mrs. Kimberly Johnson, for being selected the 2021-2022 Alabama Teacher of the Year and Secondary Teacher of the Year and expresses great gratitude for her dedication to K-12 excellence.

Done this 12th day of August 2021