

**RESOLUTION HONORING ALABAMA MILKEN EDUCATOR, MS. RAISA EADY,
RECIPIENT OF THE 2019 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD**

WHEREAS, Alabama officially joined the Milken Educator Awards Program in 1998, and a total of 37 Alabama educators have earned this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, the Milken Educator Award, which is hailed as the “Oscars of Teaching,” has inspired America’s educators for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Alabama’s 2019 Milken Educator Award recipient is Ms. Raisa Eady, a biology teacher at Pinson Valley High School, Jefferson County School System, where she creates engaging and dynamic lessons with an emphasis on improving students verbal and communication skills; and

WHEREAS, she is a positive presence in the classroom and engages students through extracurricular activities and mentors new teachers by promoting professional growth opportunities to her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, research indicates teacher quality is an important factor for student achievement; and

WHEREAS, highly qualified educators are playing a vital role in the growth and achievement of Alabama’s K-12 students; and

WHEREAS, developing student achievement through science and STEM education has earned Alabama teacher Raisa Eady the great distinction of being named a 2019 Milken Educator Award recipient; and

WHEREAS, engaging young minds through the study of science-related areas has allowed this top Pinson Valley High School educator to prepare students for a lifetime of career and postsecondary learning success; and

WHEREAS, Milken Educator Raisa Eady inspires confidence in her students and leads them toward greater educational achievement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Ms. Raisa Eady upon the honor of being selected as Alabama’s 2019 recipient of the Milken Educator Award.

Done this 9th day of January 2020