

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JEFF NEWMAN, ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, STATE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT SEVEN

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeff Newman, a resident of Millport, Alabama, earned a Bachelor of Science in Education, Agribusiness Education at Auburn University; a Master's Degree in Agribusiness and Extension Education, Mississippi State University; a Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision, the University of West Alabama; and Education Specialist's Degree in Curriculum/Instruction Evaluation and Administration, NOVA Southeastern University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeff Newman was elected to serve on the Alabama State Board of Education January 10, 2013, and participated in his first meeting February 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Alabama State Board of Education, Mr. Jeff Newman was elected by his fellow Board members to serve as President Pro Tem July 8, 2014, which he served dutifully until July 14, 2015, when on a unanimous vote was elected to serve as Vice-President; on July 10, 2018, again Mr. Jeff Newman was elected to serve as President Pro Tem; and July 9, 2019, on a unanimous vote, Mr. Jeff Newman was elected to serve as Vice-President of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeff Newman strongly believes our educational system should provide an opportunity for all students to reach their full potential whether their goal is to attend a two- or four-year institution, receive a technical or military education, or enter the workforce, students must be educated for a purpose, regardless of the ability levels of students we serve; and

WHEREAS, serving as Vice President of the Alabama State Board of Education, he led the Board through the support and/or adoption of some of Alabama's comprehensive and progressive education reforms through the use of Adjunct Instructors in Alabama's K-12 schools due to the teacher shortage in academic subjects and in career and technical education; the Alabama Teacher Shortage Task Force Report of Strategies to Improve Teacher Recruitment and Retention in the state; recognition of dyslexic month in the state of Alabama; and recognition of the 2019 Alabama Bicentennial Student Advisory Council for its research and dedication to improving the lives of Alabamians; and

WHEREAS, prior to his service on the Alabama State Board of Education, Mr. Jeff Newman had over 32 years of experience in education, serving as superintendent of the Lamar County School System; an administrator of federal programs, a career technical principal and director; an assistant principal, and an agribusiness teacher; and

WHEREAS, among his many leadership roles, community involvement, and honors, Mr. Jeff Newman is a member of School Superintendents of Alabama, Alabama Farmers Federation, Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools, Alabama Association of School Boards, and a member of Propst Memorial Methodist Church:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That during Mr. Jeff Newman's years of service on the Alabama State Board of Education, he has shown great vision and patience, embodied the highest standards of leadership, and has represented the Board in a most distinguished manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education and Alabama State Department of Education offer a debt of gratitude for the governance and leadership that Mr. Jeff Newman has shown through his hard work, commitment, and dedication to public education and to the students of the great state of Alabama.

Done this 14th day of January 2021