

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. CAROLINE OBERT, PRINCIPAL
CHELSEA MIDDLE SCHOOL, SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS
ALABAMA'S 2021 MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) sponsors a national program to honor outstanding middle and high school principals from across the United States and more than 45 countries; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caroline Obert, Principal of Chelsea Middle School in the Shelby County School System, was selected as Alabama's 2021 Middle School Principal of the Year by the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals, and is currently serving as principal of Huntsville Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caroline Obert earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, a master's degree, and her Ed S. from the University of Alabama in Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caroline Obert has accumulated fifteen years' worth of educational experience with eight of those years as an administrator; she has also served as a teacher, instructional assistant, assistant principal, long-standing member of the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools, and current President of the Middle School Principals Association for District V; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caroline Obert is known for mentoring, helping to grow leaders by helping others see their own potential as well as mentored and trained more than twenty-five aspiring administrators; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caroline Obert, Principal of Chelsea Middle School, through her leadership is credited with the development of the SWARM program for student achievement that helped the Chelsea Middle School report card improve from "B" to earning an "A"; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caroline Obert was a leader in Compact Chelsea, which is a collaborative partnership of concerned citizens that helped to raise awareness of youth substance use issues and educate youth and adults to take action to prevent substance use; and

WHEREAS, each year, the National Association of Secondary School Principals congratulates principals from across the nation for their exemplary achievements by recognizing them in its Principal of the Year Program; and

WHEREAS, the Principal of the Year Program, established in 1993, honors outstanding secondary and middle level principals who ensure that America's students acquire a sound foundation for lifelong learning and achievement, and the program annually honors secondary and middle level principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession; and

WHEREAS, secondary and middle-level principals are nominated for this achievement by peers in their state and final selections are made by committees appointed by each of the National Association of Secondary School Principals' state affiliate offices; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caroline Obert with an unwavering commitment to excellence in the rewarding field of education reflects immense credit upon the entire State of Alabama, and she is truly deserving of special commendation and praise:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Mrs. Caroline Obert upon the honor of being selected as the 2021 Alabama Middle School Principal of the Year.

Done this 10th day of November 2021