

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MT. LAUREL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2021 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Miguel Cardona named Mt. Laurel Elementary School in the Shelby County School System as a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, nearly 9,000 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those that reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, 325 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation, for the 2021 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards ceremony November 4-5, 2021, in Washington, D.C.:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Mt. Laurel Elementary School, Shelby County School System, on achieving the status of a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2021.

Done this 9th day of December 2021