

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 2024-2025  
ALABAMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND ELEMENTARY TEACHER  
OF THE YEAR MRS. DEBORAH STRINGFELLOW, AIRPORT ROAD  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL ELMORE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, highly accomplished Alabama educator, Deborah Stringfellow is an excellent example of educational leadership, mentorship, and classroom innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, as an accomplished educator in the Elmore County School System, Debra Stringfellow inspires students and families in her community to achieve; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama Teacher of the Year Deborah Stringfellow is a fourth-grade teacher at Airport Road Intermediate School; and

**WHEREAS**, she is also a first-generation high school and college graduate who has worked hard to achieve in her professional and service endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama Teacher of the Year Deborah Stringfellow believes education is a life-long journey and has embraced every opportunity to teach and assisted her parents in earning their GEDs and achieve their personal educational goals; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama Teacher of the Year Deborah Stringfellow, during her exceptional career, was the first person in her local school system to complete National Board Certification; 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 Deborah Stringfellow earned a Bachelor of Elementary Education and Master of Science in Special Education from Troy University and Administration Specialist degree from Lincoln Memorial University; and

**WHEREAS**, she uses a variety of strategies to elevate student learning and masterfully coordinate classroom learning and engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, she believes it is essential to provide all students with real-world experiences to help them connect their learning to the world around them; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama Teacher of the Year Deborah Stringfellow believes all members of the education community, school personnel, classroom teachers, and parents have an important responsibility to reinforce the importance of education to younger learners; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama Teacher of the Year Deborah Stringfellow encourages her students to personally understand academic excellence requires personal perseverance; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama Teacher of the Year Deborah Stringfellow is a wonderful example for all educators statewide:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education congratulates Deborah Stringfellow for her selection as the 2024-2025 Elementary Teacher of the Year and Alabama Teacher of the Year and expresses gratitude for her dedication to achieving excellence in education.

Done this 9th day of May 2024