RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. MINDY WALKER HOLT HIGH SCHOOL, TUSCALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM AS ALABAMA'S 2024 HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mindy Walker, a teacher at Holt High School in Tuscaloosa County School System, was selected as the Alabama recipient of the 2024 History Teacher of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the nation's leading organization dedicated to K-12 American history education, sponsors the History Teacher of the Year Award to honor outstanding teachers of American history from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense, and U. S. territories; and

WHEREAS, through the state selection committee, Mrs. Mindy Walker was selected based upon her outstanding leadership and teaching abilities in the field of American history, her creativity and imagination in the classroom to excite and engage students, and her effective use of a wide range of primary sources to make ancient times come alive for today's students, allowing them to relive what our forefathers did many years ago; and

WHEREAS, as Alabama's 2024 History Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Mindy Walker receives a certificate and \$1,000 from the Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History, and Holt High School receives an archive of primary historical materials; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mindy Walker will represent Alabama as the state finalist for the National History Teacher of the Year Award in a selection process to be held in New York City and was named a top ten 2024 National History Teacher of the Year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Mrs. Mindy Walker upon the honor of being selected as Alabama's 2024 History Teacher of the Year.

Done this 10th day of October 2024