RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING KARISSA LANG, PRINCIPAL, CRESTLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HARTSELLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, RECIPIENT OF THE TERREL H. BELL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

WHEREAS, the Terrel H. Bell Award is a prestigious honor that recognizes exceptional school leaders who have made significant contributions to the field of education; and

WHEREAS, Karissa Lang has demonstrated outstanding commitment, leadership, and dedication to her teachers, students, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Karissa Lang has focused her leadership on three key ingredients: getting in the trenches with teachers, teacher voice, and teacher support; and

WHEREAS, under Karissa Lang's leadership, Crestline introduced a STEM Cart program and an outdoor classroom for hands-on nature learning projects, expanded mental health resources, and improved family outreach; and

WHEREAS, Karissa Lang innovative teaching and leading methods, unwavering support for student success, and active involvement in educational initiatives have positively impacted the lives of many; and

WHEREAS, Karissa Lang's leadership aided Crestline Elementary School to transitioned from a low-performing school to a collaborative, growing, and high-performing Blue Ribbon School:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby recognize Karissa Lang for her exemplary instructional leadership and for her dedication to the students at Crestline Elementary School in the Hartselle City School System, and congratulates her as a recipient of the Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding School Leadership.

Done this 14th day of November 2024