RESOLUTION HONORING MRS. BELINDA MCRAE, MEMBER ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STATE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT SEVEN FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO EDUCATION IN ALABAMA

WHEREAS, Mrs. Belinda McRae has devoted her life to the service of education, holding Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, and Education Specialist degrees from the University of North Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Belinda McRae taught English and art in Marion County for 25 years, shaping the minds and creativity of countless students while serving as a dedicated advocate for quality education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Belinda McRae made history as the first woman elected to the Marion County Board of Education, where she served with distinction for 16 years, demonstrating leadership, vision, and a commitment to improving schools for the benefit of students and families; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Belinda McRae extended her leadership beyond her county serving a term as District 7 Director on the Alabama Association of School Boards, fostering collaboration among educational leaders throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Belinda McRae contributed her talents to Bevill State Community College for ten years in various roles, furthering the mission of higher education and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Belinda McRae has served her term on the Alabama State Board of Education with great honor, tirelessly working to improve education for the children of Alabama and advancing the Board's mission of ensuring excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Belinda McRae has expressed her heartfelt gratitude for the kindness and support of her colleagues and the opportunity to make a lasting impact on education in Alabama, while remaining optimistic about the future of education in our great state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and honor Mrs. Belinda McRae for her decades of exceptional service to education, her unwavering dedication to the children of Alabama, and her invaluable contributions to this Board and the broader educational community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education wishes Mrs. Belinda McRae the very best in all future endeavors and expresses its deepest appreciation for her exemplary service, leadership, and commitment to improving education for generations to come.

Adopted this 9th day of January 2025