

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. SHANDRA UPCHURCH
LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HUNTSVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2024 MATHEMATICS PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FINALIST**

WHEREAS, now that we have entered the 21st Century, proficiency in mathematics and science is more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, established by Congress in 1983, are the nation's highest honor bestowed upon K-12 mathematics and science teachers; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 200 teachers throughout the nation, including Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, schools of the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the United States territories, are selected each year as state finalists; and

WHEREAS, through the state selection committee, three 2024 state mathematics finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shandra Upchurch of Lakewood Elementary School, Huntsville City School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama mathematics classroom for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shandra Upchurch was chosen as a 2024 finalist in Alabama to receive the award for excellence in mathematics teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Mrs. Shandra Upchurch upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama's outstanding teachers of mathematics.

Done this 9th day of January 2025