## RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MS. MAEGAN GAYLE EICHOLD-MERTZ MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF MATH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY MOBILE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM 2024 SCIENCE 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 science finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Maegan Gayle of Eichold-Mertz Magnet Elementary School of Math, Science and Technology, Mobile County School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama science classroom for 12 years; and
- **WHEREAS**, Ms. Maegan Gayle was chosen as a 2024 finalist in Alabama to receive the award for excellence in science teaching:
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Ms. Maegan Gayle upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama's outstanding teachers of science.

Done this 9th day of January 2025