RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF JAMIE STEPHENSON VESTAVIA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL VESTAVIA HILLS CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM INDUCTION INTO THE EDUCATIONAL THEATRE ASSOCIATION'S NATIONAL HALL OF FAME

WHEREAS, Jamie Stephenson, a theatre education teacher in the Vestavia Hills City School System, received the Educational Theatre Association's induction into the National Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Stephenson attended the Alabama School of Fine Arts and received her Bachelor of Science in Theatre Education at East Carolina University and her Master of Arts at the Chicago Conservatory of Performing Arts and began her teaching career at Pelham High School and currently teaches at Vestavia Hills High School with a total of twenty-one years as an educator; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Theatre Association presents the National Hall of Fame induction to honor outstanding teachers of theatre education at the elementary, middle, and high school levels; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Stephenson was selected based upon her outstanding teaching abilities in theatre education and work in the performance of theatre education, as well as her work for the students and teachers of Alabama as the Chapter Director of the Alabama Educational Theatre Association; and

WHEREAS, she serves as a positive role model epitomizing excellence in theatre education, theatre performance, and sensitivity to the needs of all students; and provides service to the profession through advocacy, leadership, in-service training presentations and active membership in related professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Stephenson has received numerous awards including the Alabama Conference of Theatre Secondary Teacher of the Year, Alabama Educational Theatre Association's Hall of Fame, and Arts Alliance's Outstanding Secondary Arts Educator Award:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Jamie Stephenson upon the honor of being selected as an inductee to the Educational Theatre Association's National Hall of Fame.

Done this 13th day of February 2025