

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF LILI-ANNA HAMNER  
SIPSEY VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
SECONDARY DIVISION BEST OF SHOW  
2025 STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education recognize that the visual arts are a vital and enriching segment of children’s education; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit provides an opportunity for K-12 students in every school system to participate; and

**WHEREAS**, the criteria set for judging are sanctioned by recognized and prestigious organizations—the National Art Education Association, the Alabama Art Education Association, the Alabama Arts Alliance, the Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, and the Alabama State Council on the Arts; and

**WHEREAS**, support should be given to visual arts programs and teachers as they attempt to strengthen and strive for artistic literacy, educational excellence, and for a well-rounded education for every student; and

**WHEREAS**, the visual arts contribute powerful educational benefits to all elementary and secondary students by enhancing metacognitive abilities and engaging students to learn; promoting curiosity, creativity, innovation, critical-thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration; provide opportunities to access, develop, express and integrate meaning across a variety of content, other curricula experiences, and the human condition:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Lili-Anna Hamner, Sipse Valley Middle School, Tuscaloosa County School System; her teacher, Ms. Tanesha Childs; her principal, Mr. Billy F. Kelly; and her superintendent, Dr. Keri C. Johnson, and congratulates her for winning Secondary Best of Show in the 2025 State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit.

Done this 13th day of February 2025