

**RESOLUTION OF DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITION  
2025 ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR  
STEPHEN WATTS, CITRONELLE HIGH SCHOOL  
MOBILE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, an innovative Alabama educator, who makes it his personal mission to incorporate strategies to make learning more engaging and relevant for students, has earned the prestigious Alabama School Counselor of the Year Award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counselor of the Year Award is one of the highest honors bestowed by the Alabama School Counselor Association; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counselor of the Year Award honors school counseling professionals who devote their careers advocating for students—helping them to achieve success in school and throughout life; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama’s school counselors make significant contributions to the total and overall well-being of students and advocate for academic achievement, career development, and social growth; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen Watts, Alabama School Counselor of the Year, is a counselor at Citronelle High School, located in the Mobile County School System; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen Watts values connecting students to resources that empower and allow them to advocate for themselves in the school setting; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen Watts enjoys supporting his colleagues through committee work and professional development presentations and hopes to use his school counseling and instructional leadership certifications in formal school counselor leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen Watts received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees from the University of South Alabama and an Education Specialist degree in School Counseling from the University of West Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, the great state of Alabama is proud of Stephen Watts, Alabama School Counselor of the Year, and his many accomplishments:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby extend appreciation and heartfelt congratulations to Alabama’s 2025 School Counselor of the Year, Stephen Watts.

Done this 13th day of February 2025