

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 2016-2017
ALABAMA DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education seeks to recognize and encourage excellence in education, both in teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Teacher of the Year Program is a means of identifying and rewarding some of the state's outstanding teachers each year; and

WHEREAS, well-trained, dedicated, caring, enthusiastic, and innovative elementary and secondary teachers are among the ingredients essential to achieving excellence in preparing Alabama's children and youth to become capable adults; and

WHEREAS, the following honorees in the 2016-2017 Alabama Teacher of the Year Program exhibit these qualities and more:

Kelly Cleere

Orange Beach Elementary School, Baldwin County
District I

Judy Peacock Bridges

Baldwin County High School, Baldwin County
District I

Dawn Davis

Montana Street Academic Magnet School, Dothan City School System
District II

Kathryn Johnson Enos

Enterprise High School, Enterprise City School System
District II

Kathryne Flippo

Bluff Park Elementary School, Hoover City School System
District III

Vinny Chiaramonte

Robert F. Bumpus Middle School, Hoover City School System
District III

Mikki Powell

Rock Quarry Elementary School, Tuscaloosa City School System
District IV

Joseph Smith, III

John Herbert Phillips Academy, Birmingham City School System
District IV

Dawn Judy Ellis

Peter Crump Elementary School, Montgomery County School System
District V

John C. Conway

Booker T. Washington Magnet High School, Montgomery County School System
District V

Connie Bowman

Iola Roberts Elementary School, Pell City School System
District VI

Mary Katherine (Kate) White

Guntersville High School, Guntersville City School System
District VI

Sandy Georgette Deades Ritchey

Crestline Elementary School, Mountain Brook City School System
District VII

Dana Jacobson

Clay-Chalkville High School, Jefferson County School System
District VII

Nancy Spencer Brandon

Rainbow Elementary School, Madison City School System
District VIII

Carol Bohatch

James Clemens High School, Madison City School System
District VIII

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education commends these teachers and expresses its gratitude to each of them for their commitment, sacrifice, dedication, and service to the children and youth of Alabama that have earned them the distinction of 2016-2017 District Teachers of the Year.

Done this 9th day of June 2016