

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING 2016-2017 ALABAMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR
DANA JACOBSON, CLAY-CHALKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, JEFFERSON COUNTY
SCHOOL SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, like the teacher who inspired her to become an educator, Dana Jacobson teaches high school students and values working with teachers in training because of the power to affect change; and

WHEREAS, a veteran educator who has taught at Clay-Chalkville High School since 1999, Dana Jacobson tries to uncover each student's story, which she believes is the key to building rapport and meaningful learning; and

WHEREAS, Dana Jacobson is often the first teacher at Clay-Chalkville High School and is considered among her peers a true giver to students, student teachers, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Dana Jacobson designs activities so that students can make connections and strives to model those characteristics she believes the world requires: an interest in learning and people; a validation of others, not just tolerance; a desire to solve problems; and a strong work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Dana Jacobson knows that even though some students will require unanticipated methods or paths, effective teachers persist; and

WHEREAS, Dana Jacobson considers teachers visionaries who see that light at the end of the tunnel and find ways to help students get to that light; and

WHEREAS, Dana Jacobson states that her greatest rewards from teaching come from seeing her students grow and says "there's no job to me more important than teaching because we pave the way for all sorts of possibilities for students":

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education congratulates Dana Jacobson for being named the 2016-2017 Alabama Teacher of the Year and expresses its gratitude to Dana Jacobson for her dedication to education, her commitment to learning, and the inspiration that her career has brought to the teaching profession for the benefit of students and teachers in the state.

Done this 9th day of June 2016