RESOLUTION COMMENDING 2016-2017 ALTERNATE ALABAMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR, DAWN DAVIS, MONTANA STREET ACADEMIC MAGNET SCHOOL, DOTHAN CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Dawn Davis, who, has spent most of her 20-plus years as an educator teaching in the Dothan City School System, strives to create a 21st century learning environment for her fourth graders where instruction is personalized, project-based, and hands-on; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Davis believes that while she cannot change the many circumstances from which her students come, she can change where they are going in life; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Davis is not interested in perfecting students, but is greatly determined to perfect her abilities to encourage goal-based mindsets, so that all children can realize their worth and potential; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Davis accomplishes this through planning, building a support team, encouraging risk-taking, and utilizing her student’s natural curiosity; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Davis, who earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Elementary Education from Troy University, states that her greatest rewards from teaching come in the form of a smile; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Davis believes when a teacher sees a smile cross the face of a child, he or she knows that student is gaining in knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Davis personifies the time, attention, and patience that great educators show every day in the classroom:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby congratulate Dawn Davis for being named the 2016-2017 Alternate Alabama Teacher of the Year and the Elementary Teacher of the Year and commends her for her dedication to her students, her commitment to excellence, her achievement in the field of education, and the recognition she has brought to the teaching profession for the benefit of students throughout Alabama.

Done this 9th day of June 2016