RESOLUTION COMMENDING BREWBAKER TECHNOLOGY MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT STEVEN HIGGINS ON HIS SELECTION AS A 2016 UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM DELEGATE

WHEREAS, the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) was created in 1962 “to increase young Americans’ understanding of the interrelationships of the three branches of government, learn the caliber and responsibilities of federally elected and appointed officials, and emphasize the vital importance of democratic decision making not only for America but for people around the world”; and

WHEREAS, each year this extremely competitive merit-based program brings 104 of the most outstanding high school students to Washington, D.C., for an intensive week-long study of the federal government and the people who lead it; and

WHEREAS, the overall mission of the program is to help instill within each class of USSYP student delegates more profound knowledge of the American political process and a lifelong commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the program week, The Hearst Foundations provide each student with a $5,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to continue coursework in government, history, and public affairs; and

WHEREAS, Steven Higgins, a student at Brewbaker Technology Magnet High School, Montgomery County School System, was selected as one of two Alabama delegates to attend the USSYP’s 54th annual Washington Week in Washington, D.C., from March 5-12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Steven Higgins serves as a Student Government Association class representative and is president of the Youth in Government Club at his school; and

WHEREAS, Steven Higgins is also an active member of Bridge Builders of Alabama, an organization that brings students from different backgrounds together to focus on team building, communication, conflict resolution, and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from college, Steven Higgins wants to use his work as a means to support civic engagement among youth:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby congratulates Steven Higgins on his selection as a 2016 United States Senate Youth Program delegate.

Done this 14th day of April 2016