RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF RYAN REARDON, JEFFERSON COUNTY INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL, JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS A 2015 SCIENCE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FINALIST

WHEREAS, now that we have entered the 21st century, proficiency in mathematics and science is more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, established by Congress in 1983, are the nation’s highest honor bestowed upon K-12 mathematics and science teachers; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 200 teachers throughout the nation, including Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, schools of the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the United States territories, are selected each year as state finalists; and

WHEREAS, through the state selection committee, four 2015 state science finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ryan Reardon of Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School, Jefferson County School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama science classroom for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ryan Reardon was chosen as a 2015 finalist in Alabama to receive the award for excellence in science teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Ryan Reardon upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama’s outstanding teachers of science.

Done this 14th day of April 2016