RESOLUTION COMMENDING LOVELESS ACADEMIC MAGNET PROGRAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT DEJA CHAPPELL ON HER 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, Deja Chappell, a student at Loveless Academic Magnet Program (LAMP), 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, Deja Chappell serves as the National Honor Society president and a committee chair for LAMP’s Invitational Model UN Conference; has served three terms as class president; and has served for two years as a member of the Keep America Beautiful National Youth Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Deja Chappell is also a U.S. State Department National Security Language Initiative Arabic scholar and has received honors from the Southern Youth Leadership Development Institute and the American Foreign Service Association; and

WHEREAS, Deja Chappell is interested in social justice and the power of the pen:

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

Done this 14th day of April