The Alabama State Board of Education met for a regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters at 9:35 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2013. The meeting was called to order by the Vice President of the Board, in accordance with Alabama Code (1975), §16-3-7, as amended.

PRESIDING: MRS. STEPHANIE BELL
ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Reverend James Arnell, Pastor, St. John AME Church, Montgomery, Alabama, did the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was held in unison. The following members were present:

Mrs. Ella B. Bell, President Pro Tem
Mrs. Stephanie Bell, Vice President
Dr. Charles Elliott
Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter
Mr. Jeff Newman
Mrs. Tracy Roberts
Mrs. Betty Peters
Dr. Yvette Richardson

Absent
Governor Robert Bentley

Dr. Thomas R. Bice, State Superintendent of Education and Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board, was present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2013

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Mr. Jeff Newman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes for the meeting of February 14, 2013.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No one signed up to address the Public Hearing. On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Betty Peters, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Adopt Amended Rule, 290-3-2-.02, Pertaining to Basic Principles
Adopt Amended Rule, 290-3-2-.23, Pertaining to Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificates in a Technical Education Program Area Approach
Adopt Amended Rule, 290-3-2-.24, Pertaining to Specialty Area Career and Technical Certificates in Health Science Approach
Adopt Amended Rule, 290-3-3-.48, Pertaining to Instructional Leadership
Adopt Amended Rule, 290-3-3-.52.01, Pertaining to Teacher Leader
Adopt Amended Rule, 290-3-3-.53.01, Pertaining to Instructional Leadership

On motion by Mrs. Betty Peters and seconded by Dr. Charles Elliott, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF MR. CHARLES “CHUCK” POLAND, JR., SCHOOL BUS DRIVER FOR THE DALE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that the members of the Alabama State Board of Education mourn the death of Mr. Charles “Chuck” Poland, Jr. of Newton, Alabama, who served diligently and faithfully as a school bus driver for the Dale County School System for four years beginning in 2009; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Charles “Chuck” Poland, Jr. is a true hero who stood between an armed attacker and the students on his school bus and gave his life to protect the children on his school bus, being shot and killed by a lone gunman as he drove his route in Midland City, Alabama, on January 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the students in the care of Mr. Charles “Chuck” Poland, Jr. are all safe and back with their families, including Ethan Gilman, a five-year-old kindergarten student who was taken hostage by the attacker and held in a bunker for seven days until being freed by dedicated, committed law enforcement officers supported by numerous other agencies and a loving community; and

WHEREAS, the children in the care of Mr. Charles “Chuck” Poland, Jr. now have the opportunity to live full and happy lives and grow up to be productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles “Chuck” Poland, Jr. served honorably in the military of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles “Chuck” Poland, Jr. has been posthumously honored and recognized for his heroic deeds by the Congress of the United States and the Legislature of the State of Alabama and has also been recognized throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles “Chuck” Poland, Jr. will be sorely missed by his loving wife Mary Janice, his family and friends, his students, his church members, his school system coworkers, his community members where he was highly regarded, and his fellow citizens in the Great State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the tremendous bravery of Mr. Charles “Chuck” Poland, Jr. will long be remembered and reflects immense honor upon his school system and the entire state of Alabama:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does offer heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Mr. Charles “Chuck” Poland Jr. and does honor and recognize him for his bravery even in the face of a threat to his own life and for his extraordinary act of service to and sacrifice for his students, his school system, and his community.

On motion by Mrs. Betty Peters and seconded by Mrs. Ella B. Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE DALE COUNTY STUDENTS ASSIGNED TO THE SCHOOL BUS DRIVEN BY MR. CHARLES “CHUCK” POLAND, JR., ON JANUARY 29, 2013

WHEREAS, Courtney Brown, J. J. Chicarello, Austin Clary, Cierra Clary, Andres Contreras, Kimberly Dickey, Dav’ion Eberhart, Ethan Gilman, Robert Glover, Makayla Graves, Elishua Harrell, Charlye Henderson, Courtney Higginson, Lauren Higginson, Frank Hill, Mathius Hill, Lilly Grace Holland, Teona Hollis, Crystal Hursey, Kealy Johnson, Anna Jones, Keira Jones, Tyler Jones, Ayden Kelly, Caitlyn Miliner, Jackson Miller, Jesse Miller, Madison Milliner, Austin Moore, Elizabeth Plansencia, Eden Richards, Tavares Singletary, Terrica Singletary, Tristant Singletary, Michael Smith, Anthony Thornton, Tre’ Watts, and Shambraya Wilkerson rode Dale County school bus number 04-02 and were all dearly loved by their school bus driver, Mr. Charles “Chuck” Poland, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, these students loved their school bus driver, Mr. Charles “Chuck” Poland, Jr., a true hero who stood between an armed attacker and the students on his school bus and gave his life to protect his children, being shot and killed by a lone gunman as he drove his route in Midland City, Alabama, on January 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Andres Contreras, Kimberly Dickey, Ethan Gilman, Frank Hill, Mathius Hill, Teona Hollis, Crystal Hursey, Kealy Johnson, Anna Jones, Keira Jones, Tyler Jones, Caitlyn Miliner, Madison Milliner, Austin Moore, Tavares Singletary, Terrica Singletary, Tristant Singletary, Michael Smith, Ashley Thornton, Tre’ Watts, and Shambraya Wilkerson were on the school bus at the time of the tragic incident and displayed unbelievable bravery and true compassion for each other and displayed the safety skills and knowledge taught to them by Mr. Poland; and

WHEREAS, their courageous actions during the life-threatening event helped protect the safety and security of every child on the bus who now has the opportunity to live a full and happy life and grow up to be a productive member of society; and

WHEREAS, one student, five-year-old Ethan Gilman, demonstrated bravery far beyond his years after being taken hostage by the gunman and held in an underground bunker for approximately seven days until he was freed by law enforcement on February 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, through the unfailing efforts of numerous law enforcement officers, their school system, numerous churches and service agencies, and a caring, loving community, all the children, including Ethan Gilman, were safely returned to their family and friends; and
WHEREAS, the tremendous bravery and heroism of the students riding school bus number 04-02 on the afternoon of January 29, 2013, reflect great honor upon their families, the Dale County School System, their community, Mr. Poland, and the entire state of Alabama:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does, with gratitude and thanksgiving, honor and recognize each student for the bravery he or she demonstrated during this life-threatening event and each student’s heroism the face of incredible danger.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
ANNA F. BOOTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MOBILE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population score in a Torchbearer School at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test (ARMT); and

WHEREAS, Anna F. Booth Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Anna F. Booth Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Anna F. Booth Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Anna F. Booth Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Anna F. Booth Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

WHEREAS, Anna F. Booth Elementary School’s staff and faculty not only understand the science but also embrace the art of teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Ms. Lisa Michelle Williams, Principal; Mrs. Martha Lyon Peek, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Anna F. Booth Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named as a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
DIXON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MOBILE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test (ARMT); and

WHEREAS, Dixon Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Dixon Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and
WHEREAS, Dixon Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Dixon Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Dixon Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

WHEREAS, Dixon Elementary School’s staff and faculty not only understand the science but also embrace the art of teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Ms. Catherine Rogers, Principal; Mrs. Martha Lyon Peek, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Dixon Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named as a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CONECUH COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test* (ARMT*); and

WHEREAS, Evergreen Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Evergreen Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Evergreen Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Evergreen Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Evergreen Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

WHEREAS, Evergreen Elementary School’s staff and faculty not only understand the science but also embrace the art of teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Mrs. Tonya A. Bozeman, Principal; Mr. Ronnie Brogden, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Evergreen Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named as a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
MORRIS SLINGLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DOTHAN CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and
WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test® (ARMT®); and

WHEREAS, Morris Slingluff Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Morris Slingluff Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Morris Slingluff Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Morris Slingluff Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Morris Slingluff Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

WHEREAS, Morris Slingluff Elementary School’s staff and faculty not only understand the science but also embrace the art of teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Mrs. Teresa Davis, Principal; Mr. Tim Wilder, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Morris Slingluff Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named as a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT  
SYCAMORE SCHOOL  
TALLADEGA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population score in a Torchbearer School at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test® (ARMT®); and

WHEREAS, Sycamore School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Sycamore School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Sycamore School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Sycamore School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Sycamore School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

WHEREAS, Sycamore School’s staff and faculty not only understand the science but also embrace the art of teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Ms. Michelle Head, Principal; Dr. Suzanne Lacey, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Sycamore School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named as a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT  
HILLVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD
WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test* (ARMT*); and

WHEREAS, Hillview Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Hillview Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Hillview Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Hillview Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Hillview Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Mrs. Bert Stewart, Principal; Dr. Stephen Nowlin, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Hillview Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named as a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
WESTHILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BESSEMER CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test* (ARMT*); and

WHEREAS, Westhills Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Westhills Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Westhills Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Westhills Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Westhills Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Ms. Mildred L. Posey, Principal; Dr. Fred D. Primm, Jr., Superintendent; staff and faculty at Westhills Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named as a Torchbearer School.
RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
BRUCE K. CRAIG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DALLAS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test* (ARMT*); and

WHEREAS, Bruce K. Craig Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Bruce K. Craig Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Bruce K. Craig Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Bruce K. Craig Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Bruce K. Craig Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Mr. Frederick Hardy, Principal; Dr. Fannie L. McKenzie, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Bruce K. Craig Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
CALCEDEAVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MOBILE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test* (ARMT*); and

WHEREAS, Calcedeaver Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Calcedeaver Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Calcedeaver Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Calcedeaver Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Calcedeaver Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and
WHEREAS, Calcedeaver Elementary School’s staff and faculty not only understand the science but also embrace the art of teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Ms. Susan Jill Dickinson, Principal; Mrs. Martha Lyon Peek, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Calcedeaver Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named as a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
INDIAN SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MOBILE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test* (ARMT*); and

WHEREAS, Indian Springs Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Indian Springs Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Indian Springs Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Indian Springs Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefitting all students; and

WHEREAS, Indian Springs Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

WHEREAS, Indian Springs Elementary School’s staff and faculty not only understand the science but also embrace the art of teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Mrs. Teffine Barker Petro, Principal; Mrs. Martha Lyon Peek, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Indian Springs Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named as a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
HIGHLAND AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test* (ARMT*); and

WHEREAS, Highland Avenue Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Highland Avenue Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Highland Avenue Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and
WHEREAS, Highland Avenue Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Highland Avenue Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

WHEREAS, Highland Avenue Elementary School’s staff and faculty not only understand the science but also embrace the art of teaching;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Mrs. Patricia Ann Kornegay, Principal; Ms. Barbara Thompson, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Highland Avenue Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named as a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
CEDAR PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SELMA CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test+ (ARMT+); and

WHEREAS, Cedar Park Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Cedar Park Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Cedar Park Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Cedar Park Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Cedar Park Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

WHEREAS, Cedar Park Elementary School’s staff and faculty not only understand the science but also embrace the art of teaching;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Mr. Bertram Pickney, Principal; Mr. Gerald Shirley, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Cedar Park Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named as a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
EDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SELMA CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test+ (ARMT+); and
WHEREAS, Edgewood Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Edgewood Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Edgewood Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Edgewood Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Edgewood Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

WHEREAS, Edgewood Elementary School’s staff and faculty not only understand the science but also embrace the art of teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Mr. Joe James Peterson, Principal; Mr. Gerald Shirley, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Edgewood Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
KNOX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SELMA CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test™ (ARMT™); and

WHEREAS, Knox Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Knox Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Knox Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Knox Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Knox Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

WHEREAS, Knox Elementary School’s staff and faculty not only understand the science but also embrace the art of teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Mr. James Darin Pope, Principal; Mr. Gerald Shirley, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Knox Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
SOPHIA P. KINGSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SELMA CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and
WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test* (ARMT*); and

WHEREAS, Sophia P. Kingston Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Sophia P. Kingston Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Sophia P. Kingston Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Sophia P. Kingston Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Sophia P. Kingston Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

WHEREAS, Sophia P. Kingston Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Sophia P. Kingston Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Mr. Robert Carter, Principal; Mr. Gerald Shirley, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Sophia P. Kingston Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named as a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
FRANCES NUNGESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DECATUR CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test* (ARMT*); and

WHEREAS, Frances Nungester Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Frances Nungester Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Frances Nungester Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Frances Nungester Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Frances Nungester Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

WHEREAS, Frances Nungester Elementary School’s staff and faculty not only understand the science but also embrace the art of teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Ms. Shannon W. Whitfield, Principal; Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Jr., Superintendent; staff and faculty at Frances Nungester Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named as a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013
WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test+ (ARMT+); and

WHEREAS, Woodmeade Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Woodmeade Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Woodmeade Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Woodmeade Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Woodmeade Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

WHEREAS, Woodmeade Elementary School’s staff and faculty not only understand the science but also embrace the art of teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Mrs. Angie B. Whittington, Principal; Dr. Edwin C. Nichols, Jr., Superintendent; staff and faculty at Woodmeade Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
HARLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FLORENCE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test+ (ARMT+); and

WHEREAS, Harlan Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Harlan Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Harlan Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Harlan Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Harlan Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

WHEREAS, Harlan Elementary School’s staff and faculty not only understand the science but also embrace the art of teaching:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Ms. Shirley Coker, Principal; Dr. Janet S. Womack, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Harlan Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named as a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
PHILLIPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MARION COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population of a Torchbearer School receive free or reduced meals; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test* (ARMT*); and

WHEREAS, Phillips Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Phillips Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Phillips Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Phillips Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and

WHEREAS, Phillips Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement to Mr. Daryl Weatherly, Principal; Mr. Ryan Hollingsworth, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Phillips Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named as a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT
WEEDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FLORENCE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2012-2013 TORCHBEARER SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Torchbearer Schools program recognizes high-performing, high-poverty public schools in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the student population in a Torchbearer School score at Level 3 or Level 4 on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test* (ARMT*); and

WHEREAS, Weeden Elementary School was identified as Meeting, Advancing, and Exceeding the Challenge as described by the Alabama State Department of Education Rewards Plan; and

WHEREAS, Weeden Elementary School’s staff and faculty hold high expectations for teaching and learning, which has resulted in students achieving at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Weeden Elementary School has worked diligently to provide a positive learning environment for all students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Weeden Elementary School is committed to academic excellence and continuous improvement efforts benefiting all students; and
WHEREAS, Weeden Elementary School exhibits the exemplary qualities of a high-performing learning community dedicated to the success of every teacher and student; and

WHEREAS, Weeden Elementary School’s staff and faculty not only understand the science but also embrace the art of teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for exemplary student achievement Mr. Joey Dawson, Principal; Dr. Janet S. Womack, Superintendent; staff and faculty at Weeden Elementary School and congratulates them for this prestigious honor of being named as a Torchbearer School.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

On motion by Mrs. Betty Peters and seconded by Dr. Charles Elliott, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING ACT COLLEGE- AND CAREER-READINESS CAMPAIGN STUDENT NOMINEE, JEREMY LEE BURGESS ENTERPRISE HIGH SCHOOL, ENTERPRISE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, ACT has launched a College- and Career-Readiness Campaign to celebrate achievement and create awareness around the goal of college- and career-readiness for all; and

WHEREAS, ACT has partnered with Alabama and select states to celebrate nominated students with exemplary ACT scores, high grade point averages and significant academic, professional, school, and community involvements; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Lee Burgess of Enterprise High School, Enterprise City School System, has been nominated by school staff as an ACT College- and Career-Readiness Student Nominee; and

WHEREAS, the ACT College- and Career-Readiness Student Nominees will be celebrated throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the ACT College- and Career-Readiness Campaign helps to further the vision of Plan 2020, “Every Child a Graduate – Every Graduate Prepared for College, Work, Adulthood in the 21st Century”:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby congratulates Jeremy Lee Burgess for his successful academic and professional work and as a Nominee for the ACT College- and Career-Readiness Campaign.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

On motion by Dr. Charles Elliott and seconded by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING ACT COLLEGE- AND CAREER-READINESS CAMPAIGN STUDENT NOMINEE, SARAH BROOK HAYGOOD, BOAZ HIGH SCHOOL, BOAZ CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, ACT has launched a College- and Career-Readiness Campaign to celebrate achievement and create awareness around the goal of college- and career-readiness for all; and

WHEREAS, ACT has partnered with Alabama and select states to celebrate nominated students with exemplary ACT scores, high grade point averages, and significant academic, professional, school, and community involvements; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Brooke Haygood of Boaz High School, Boaz City School System, has been nominated by school staff as an ACT College- and Career-Readiness Student Nominee; and

WHEREAS, the ACT College- and Career-Readiness Student Nominees will be celebrated throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the ACT College- and Career-Readiness Campaign helps to further the vision of Plan 2020, “Every Child a Graduate – Every Graduate Prepared for College, Work, Adulthood in the 21st Century”:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby congratulates Sarah Brooke Haygood for her successful academic and professional work and as a Nominee for the ACT College- and Career-Readiness Campaign.

Done this 14th day of March 2013
On motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Mrs. Betty Peters, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING ACT COLLEGE- AND CAREER-READINESS CAMPAIGN STUDENT NOMINEE, ALYSSA NICOLE CUNNINGHAM, MEEK HIGH SCHOOL, WINSTON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, ACT has launched a College- and Career-Readiness Campaign to celebrate achievement and create awareness around the goal of college- and career-readiness for all; and

WHEREAS, ACT has partnered with Alabama and select states to celebrate nominated students with exemplary ACT scores, high grade point averages, and significant academic, professional, school, and community involvements; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa Nicole Cunningham of Meek High School, Winston County School System, has been nominated by school staff as an ACT College- and Career-Readiness Student Nominee; and

WHEREAS, the ACT College- and Career-Readiness Student Nominees will be celebrated throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the ACT College- and Career-Readiness Campaign helps to further the vision of Plan 2020, “Every Child a Graduate – Every Graduate Prepared for College, Work, Adulthood in the 21st Century”:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby congratulates Alyssa Nicole Cunningham for her successful academic and professional work and as a Nominee for the ACT College- and Career-Readiness Campaign.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

On motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Dr. Charles Elliott, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING ACT COLLEGE-AND CAREER-READINESS CAMPAIGN STUDENT NOMINEE AND STATE WINNER, SHEREE MICHELLE GREMILLION, ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL, LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, ACT has launched a College- and Career-Readiness Campaign to celebrate achievement and create awareness around the goal of college- and career-readiness for all; and

WHEREAS, ACT has partnered with Alabama and select states to celebrate nominated students with exemplary ACT scores, high grade point averages, and significant academic, professional, school, and community involvements; and

WHEREAS, Sheree Michelle Gremillion of Rogers High School, Lauderdale County School System, has been nominated by school staff as an ACT College- and Career-Readiness Student Nominee; and

WHEREAS, the ACT College- and Career-Readiness Student Nominees will be celebrated throughout the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Sheree Michele Gremillion of Rogers High School has been named Alabama’s State Winner of the ACT College- and Career-Readiness Campaign; and

WHEREAS, being named State Winner provides Sheree Michele Gremillion with an opportunity to be chosen by ACT as the National Winner and to be honored at a gala in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the ACT College- and Career-Readiness Campaign helps to further the vision of Plan 2020, “Every Child a Graduate – Every Graduate Prepared for College, Work, Adulthood in the 21st Century”:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby congratulates Sheree Michelle Gremillion for her successful academic and professional work and as a Nominee and State Winner for the ACT College- and Career-Readiness Campaign.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

On motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:
RESOLUTION CELEBRATING ACT COLLEGE- AND CAREER-READINESS CAMPAIGN STUDENT NOMINEE, KEATON BROOKS GALLOWAY, LAMAR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, LAMAR COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, ACT has launched a College- and Career-Readiness Campaign to celebrate achievement and create awareness around the goal of college- and career-readiness for all; and

WHEREAS, ACT has partnered with Alabama and select states to celebrate nominated students with exemplary ACT scores, high grade point averages, and significant academic, professional, school, and community involvements; and

WHEREAS, Keaton Brooks Galloway of Lamar County High School, Lamar County School System, has been nominated by school staff as an ACT College- and Career-Readiness Student Nominee; and

WHEREAS, the ACT College- and Career-Readiness Student Nominees will be celebrated throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the ACT College- and Career-Readiness Campaign helps to further the vision of Plan 2020, “Every Child a Graduate – Every Graduate Prepared for College, Work, Adulthood in the 21st Century”:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby congratulates Keaton Brooks Galloway for his successful academic and professional work and as a Nominee for the ACT College- and Career-Readiness Campaign.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

On motion by Mrs. Tracy T. Roberts and seconded by Dr. Charles Elliott, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF JESSICA ELLZYE, MEADOWLAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MOBILE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS THE 2012 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 in 1983 by the White House, are the nation’s highest honor bestowed upon K-12 mathematics and science teachers; and

WHEREAS, fewer than two hundred mathematics 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, three 2012 state science finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jessica Ellzey of Meadowlake Elementary School, Mobile County School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama science classroom for eleven years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jessica Ellzey was chosen as a 2012 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 Mrs. Joi M. Mullins, Principal, Meadowlake Elementary School, Mrs. Martha Lyon Peek, Superintendent, Mobile County School System, for their support of Mrs. Jessica Ellzey upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama’s outstanding teachers of science.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DANIELLE PETERSON, GREYSTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HOOVER CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS THE 2012 MATHEMATICS 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 in 1983 by the White House, are the nation’s highest honor bestowed upon K-12 mathematics and science teachers; and

WHEREAS, fewer than two hundred mathematics 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, two 2012 state mathematics finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Danielle Peterson of Greystone Elementary School, Hoover City School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama mathematics classroom for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Danielle Peterson was chosen as a 2012 finalist in Alabama to receive the award for excellence in mathematics teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Dr. Maurine M. Black, Principal, Greystone Elementary School, and Mr. Andy Craig, Superintendent, Hoover City School System, for their support of Mrs. Danielle Peterson upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama’s outstanding teachers of mathematics.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF PAMELA SMITH, EDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HOMewood CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS THE 2012 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 in 1983 by the White House, are the nation’s highest honor bestowed upon K-12 mathematics and science teachers; and

WHEREAS, fewer than two hundred mathematics 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, three 2012 state science finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pamela Smith of Edgewood Elementary School, Homewood City School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama science classroom for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pamela Smith was chosen as a 2012 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 Dr. Patricia K. Simpson, Principal, Edgewood Elementary School, and Dr. William T. Cleveland, Superintendent, Homewood City School System, for their support of Mrs. Pamela Smith upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama’s outstanding teachers of science.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF RITA SCHELL, HALL-KENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HOMewood CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS THE 2012 SCIENCE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FINALIST

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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 in 1983 by the White House, are the nation’s highest honor bestowed upon K-12 mathematics and science teachers; and

WHEREAS, fewer than two hundred mathematics 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, three 2012 state science finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rita Schell of Hall-Kent Elementary School, Homewood City School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama science classroom for 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rita Schell was chosen as a 2012 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 Mrs. Regina H. Dorough, Interim Principal, Hall Kent Elementary School, and Dr. William T. Cleveland, Superintendent, Homewood City School System, for their support of Mrs. Rita Schell upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama’s outstanding teachers of science.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Dr. Charles Elliott, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF KIM BOWEN, RAINBOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MADISON CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS THE 2012 MATHEMATICS 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 in 1983 by the White House, are the nation’s highest honor bestowed upon K-12 mathematics and science teachers; and

WHEREAS, fewer than two hundred mathematics 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, two 2012 state mathematics finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kim Bowen of Rainbow Elementary School, Madison City School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama mathematics classroom for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kim Bowen was chosen as a 2012 finalist in Alabama to receive the award for excellence in mathematics teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Ms. Dorinda C. White, Principal, Rainbow Elementary School, Dr. Dee O. Fowler, Superintendent, Madison City School System, for their support of Mrs. Kim Bowen upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama’s outstanding teachers of mathematics.

Done this 14th day of March 2013

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Dr. Charles Elliott, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Faulkner University

Montgomery, Alabama
WHEREAS, a review of teacher education programs was conducted on April 15-17, 2012, by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with the Alabama State Board of Education, State Department of Education Administrative Code, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(2)(b); and

WHEREAS, additional documentation was reviewed on July 13-15, 2012, December 31, 2012, and January 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, compliance with Alabama State Board of Education rules has been verified; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Superintendent of Education recommends approval of the programs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the following programs, with approval to expire on May 31, 2020:

- Class B Biology (6-12)
- Class B Elementary Education (K-6)
- Class B English Language Arts (6-12)
- Class B General Science (6-12)
- Class B General Social Studies (6-12)
- Class B History (6-12)
- Class B Mathematics (6-12)
- Class B Music/Choral (P-12)
- Class B Physical Education (P-12)
- Class B Theatre (P-12)
- Alternative Class A Biology (6-12)
- Alternative Class A Elementary Education (K-6)
- Alternative Class A English Language Arts (6-12)
- Alternative Class A History (6-12)
- Alternative Class A Mathematics (6-12)
- Alternative Class A Physical Education (P-12)

Done this 14th day of March 2013

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS
Concordia College Alabama
Selma, Alabama

WHEREAS, a review of teacher education programs was conducted on July 11-16, 2012, and January 27-29, 2013, by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with the Alabama State Board of Education, State Department of Education Administrative Code, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(2)(b); and

WHEREAS, additional documentation was reviewed on October 23, 2012, October 25, 2012, and February 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, compliance with Alabama State Board of Education rules has been verified; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends approval of the programs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the following programs, with approval to expire on May 31, 2020.

- Class B Early Childhood Education (P-3)
- Class B Elementary Education (K-6)

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

APPOINTMENT, 2013-2014 STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE
SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADES K-12
(Includes elective courses for Grades 9-12, Psychology, Sociology, Contemporary World Issues and Civic Engagement, and Human Geography)

WHEREAS, the Code of Alabama 1975, §16-36-60, provides for the appointment of a State Textbook Committee; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that four elementary teachers and four high school teachers are to be selected to serve on the State Textbook Committee and are to come one from each of the seven congressional districts of Alabama and one statewide; and
WHEREAS, said law provides that four people who shall be teachers, principals, supervisors, or superintendents are to be selected from the state-at-large; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that two members of said State Textbook Committee are to be selected from the institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that the above fourteen people are to be nominated to the State Board of Education by the State Superintendent of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED. That the people on the attached list are hereby appointed to the 2013-2014 State Textbook Committee for a term beginning April 15, 2013, and ending on April 14, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. That this Board recognizes that said law provides that the Governor of Alabama is to appoint nine people not in the field of education to serve on this State Textbook Committee and welcomes them to full membership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. That State Superintendent of Education Thomas R. Bice is hereby authorized to fill any vacancy that may occur on this State Textbook Committee until the next meeting of this State Board of Education after such vacancy occurs and same to be added as ad interim business.

2013-2014 STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE
SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADES K-12
(Includes elective courses for Grades 9-12, Psychology, Sociology, Contemporary World Issues and Civic Engagement, and Human Geography)

TERM: APRIL 15, 2013 - APRIL 14, 2014

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2013-2014 STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE
SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADES K-12
(Includes elective courses for Grades 9-12, Psychology, Sociology, Contemporary World Issues and Civic Engagement, and Human Geography)

TERM: APRIL 15, 2013 - APRIL 14, 2014

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

I  Robert Rittenhouse  Secondary  Escambia County
II  Ashley Johnston  Elementary  Pike County
III  Michael Pinson  Secondary  Alexander City
IV  Missy Bryan  Elementary  Jasper City
V  Susan Bailey  Secondary  Huntsville City
VI  Elizabeth Carr  Elementary  Vestavia Hills City
VII  Cadarns Rucker  Elementary  Sumter County

STATEWIDE

Keesh Ragland  Secondary  Talladega City

AT-LARGE

I  Dr. Lawrence Wayne Vickers (Chairman) Superintendent  Saraland City
III  Devon Berry  Teacher  Oxford City
IV  Dorothy Montgomery  Teacher  Decatur City
VII  Thomas Albright  Teacher  Sumter County

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

A.  Dr. Theresa McCormick  Associate Professor/Elementary  Auburn University
B.  Dr. Martha Hamilton  Associate Professor of History  University of South Alabama

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Thomas R. Bice provided highlights of PLAN 2020, specifically addressing the state’s first-year graduation rate goal of 72 percent. He reported that the state has reached 75.2 percent and if the state stays on this schedule it could surpass the 90 percent rate sooner than predicted. Dr. Bice stated that the
Department has a plan and programs in place that will make it possible for the Department to stay on course and reach attainable goals.

Dr. Bice expressed appreciation to the guests in attendance and informed them of the memorial on the fifth floor in honor of Mr. Charles “Chuck” Poland, Jr. The State Board Members, Mr. Poland’s family, the students who were on the bus driven by Mr. Poland, and other guests from Dale County were directed to the fifth floor to visit the memorial.

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Ella B. Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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Vice President

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Secretary and Executive Officer