

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DR. MATHEW EPPS, PRINCIPAL
CAREER TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
AS ALABAMA'S 2025 HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, it is with great pride and admiration that we recognize outstanding educators in the State of Alabama who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment to student success; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mathew Epps, Principal of the Career Technical High School in the Shelby County School System, has been named the 2024-2025 Alabama High School Principal of the Year by the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals (AASSP); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mathew Epps has dedicated 19 years to the field of education, including nine years in administrative leadership, tirelessly working to enhance the learning experience of students through innovation and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mathew Epps leadership has significantly transformed the Career Technical High School by fostering a positive school culture, expanding academic and career opportunities, and implementing specialized programs in robotics, welding, and emergency medical services, among other fields; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mathew Epps has established and nurtured strong community and industry partnerships that provide students with invaluable work-based learning experiences and career readiness opportunities; and

WHEREAS, through Dr. Mathew Epps' commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive educational environment, he has ensured that students not only achieve academic excellence but also gain practical skills essential for success in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mathew Epps leadership philosophy, which emphasizes collaboration, community involvement, and empowerment, has been instrumental in shaping the future of countless students and staff members; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mathew Epps is an exemplary educational leader whose innovative approach, dedication to student achievement, and ability to cultivate meaningful partnerships have set a standard of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mathew Epps will represent Alabama in the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) High School Principal of the Year program:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Mathew Epps upon the honor of being selected as the 2025 Alabama High School Principal of the Year.

Done this 9th day of October 2025