

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MALINDA NICHOLS
OAK MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
AS ALABAMA'S 2025 HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Malinda Nichols, a teacher at Oak Mountain Middle School in the Shelby County School System, was selected as the Alabama recipient of the 2025 History Teacher of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the nation's leading organization dedicated to K-12 American history education, sponsors the History Teacher of the Year Award to honor outstanding teachers of American history from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense, and U. S. territories; and

WHEREAS, through the state selection committee, Malinda Nichols was selected based upon her outstanding leadership and teaching abilities in the field of American history, her creativity and imagination in the classroom to excite and engage students, and her effective use of a wide range of primary sources to make ancient times come alive for today's students, allowing them to relive what our forefathers did many years ago; and

WHEREAS, as Alabama's 2025 History Teacher of the Year, Malinda Nichols receives a certificate and \$1,000 from the Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History, and Oak Mountain Middle School receives an archive of primary historical materials; and

WHEREAS, Malinda Nichols will represent Alabama as the state finalist for the National History Teacher of the Year Award in a selection process to be held in New York City this fall:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Malinda Nichols upon the honor of being selected as Alabama's 2025 History Teacher of the Year.

Done this 9th day of October 2025