

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MR. BENJAMIN “BEN” BAKER
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DALE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
AS THE 2027 ALABAMA SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Mr. Benjamin “Ben” Baker has dedicated nearly three decades of exemplary service to public education, serving students and communities as a classroom teacher, coach, assistant principal, athletic director, principal, and superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Benjamin “Ben” Baker has served as Superintendent of the Dale County School System since 2016 and is the first three-term and longest-serving superintendent in Dale County history, earning the trust of his community through his steadfast commitment to academic excellence, responsible leadership, and student success; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Benjamin “Ben” Baker’s leadership, the Dale County School System has achieved historic academic success, including a record State Report Card score of 95, recognition as the highest-scoring county school system in Alabama three times during his tenure, and graduation and College and Career Readiness rates of 100 percent; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Benjamin “Ben” Baker has demonstrated a commitment to innovation and workforce development through the creation of the Bridge Academy, a regional career and technical education center providing students with pathways in high-demand fields, while also expanding dual enrollment, work-based learning, and partnerships with local industries and institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Benjamin “Ben” Baker dedication to service extends throughout the Wiregrass region through his involvement with the Wiregrass United Way, Ozark Rotary Club, Vivian B. Adams School, youth mentorship, and his church, reflecting his enduring commitment to strengthening the students, families, and communities he serves; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Benjamin “Ben” Baker’s passion for education, visionary leadership, and unwavering commitment to creating opportunities for every student have earned him the respect and admiration of educators, students, families, and community members throughout Dale County and the state of Alabama:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby recognizes Mr. Benjamin “Ben” Baker as the 2027 Alabama Superintendent of the Year and commends his outstanding contributions to public education, his distinguished record of leadership and service, and his unwavering commitment to fostering a brighter future for all students in Alabama.

Done this 8th day of October 2026