

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING 2020-2021 ALABAMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR
AND ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR DR. ANDREW F. JACKSON,
EDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PELL CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrew F. Jackson is a highly respected and accomplished educator from the Pell City School System; and

WHEREAS, 2020-2021 Alabama Teacher of the Year Dr. Andrew F. Jackson teaches fourth grade at Eden Elementary School, Pell City School System, and was deeply inspired to become an educator through his personal experiences growing up; and

WHEREAS, he was reared by his grandparents, who were former foster parents – he developed a genuine enthusiasm for assisting those in need; and

WHEREAS, his family instilled in him a sense of respect for others; to always search for the best in each person regardless of their circumstance; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Teacher of the Year Dr. Andrew F. Jackson encourages all students to understand the important fact that learning and academic excellence requires perseverance, problem-solving, and personal connection; and

WHEREAS, he is a great professional example for teachers statewide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson has an extensive background in both special and general education and is also a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT); and

WHEREAS, Alabama Teacher of the Year Dr. Andrew F. Jackson believes that every student must have access to a supportive learning environment which inspires them to develop wide-ranging classroom skills that advances their full potential; and

WHEREAS, he also believes that all students deserve an inspiring educational experience taught by highly qualified educators who are fully committed to student success; and

WHEREAS, he works to cultivate these principles throughout his personal life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson and his wife Sheree are also dedicated foster parents who have provided a loving home to more than seven children—some with special needs; and

WHEREAS, their children's needs range from Gifted, to Schizoaffective Disorder, to Autistic; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson's family believes it is truly important to provide real-world experiences to help students connect their learning to the world around them; and

WHEREAS, 2020-2021 Alabama Teacher of the Year Dr. Andrew Jackson's personal experiences have broadened his ability to reach students from various backgrounds:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education congratulates Dr. Andrew F. Jackson for being selected the 2020-2021 Alabama Teacher of the Year and Elementary Teacher of the Year and expresses personal gratitude for his continued dedication to K-12 academic excellence.

Done this 10th day of September 2020