

**RESOLUTION HONORING EMILY HURST SELECTED AS  
“BARBARA FANNIN MEMORIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER”  
JANUARY-MARCH 2021**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Emily Hurst, Gifted Specialist in the Alabama State Department of Education, Division of Instruction, Special Education Services Section, exhibits a positive attitude and is always cooperative; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Emily Hurst not only possesses a wealth of knowledge about a wide array of gifted topics, but is also willing to go to extraordinary lengths to assist in helping to meet the needs of every local education agency (LEA), provides regional, state, and national trainings regarding gifted learners; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Emily Hurst desires the absolute best for Alabama’s gifted students and strives to ensure they are receiving the highest quality of gifted programming. Mrs. Hurst researches and evaluates other gifted programs throughout the country as she continually looks to make positive changes to Alabama’s programs to ensure the intellectual, creative, and affective needs of the gifted population are met and the gifted population flourishes; and

**WHEREAS**, as much as strong professional skills and expertise in her field characterizes her as an effective leader, it is her interpersonal skills and caring spirit that draws people, superiors, and subordinates alike to her and make for a positive and supportive environment:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Department of Education and the Special Education Section hereby express their gratitude to Mrs. Hurst for her dedicated and caring service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Mrs. Emily Hurst for her selection as the recipient of the “Barbara Fannin Memorial Employee of the Quarter Award” for January-March 2021 and expresses its appreciation for her exemplary service to the department, to this Board, and, ultimately, to Alabama’s public elementary and secondary schools.

Done this 11th day of February 2021