RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF
DR. DILHANI USWATTE, PRINCIPAL, ROCKY RIDGE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, HOOVER CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, BEING NAMED THE
2020 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL FROM ALABAMA

WHEREAS, The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) National
Distinguished Principal program was established to recognize elementary and middle-level
principals who set high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and climate for
the students, families, and staffs in their learning communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dilhani Uswatte was named the 2020 NAESP National Distinguished
Principal from Alabama by the Alabama Association of Elementary School Administrators
(AAES); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dilhani Uswatte has served as the principal of Rocky Ridge Elementary
School in the Hoover City Schools System for six years, prior to that served as the assistant
principal at Rocky Ridge Elementary for four years, and prior to that taught math at Berry Middle
School for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dilhani Uswatte has served as the Co-Director of the National Mentoring
Program for the Milken Family Foundation. Dr. Uswatte has been involved in many leadership
positions in Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools (CLAS), AAESA, Adults and Children with
Learning Disabilities (ACLD), Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), and The
University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dilhani Uswatte obtained her bachelor’s degree from Queens University
in Canada, her master’s, and educational specialist degrees from UAB, and her doctorate in 2013
from UAB; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dilhani Uswatte always puts her students first and works tirelessly to
create an atmosphere that allows her teachers to be successful. Dr. Uswatte has a positive
impact on her school and school system for its students, teachers, and parents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dilhani Uswatte has been honored by UAB, CLAS, AAESA, and Hoover
City Schools for her work and commitment to everyone under her care; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education
does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Dilhani Uswatte upon the honor of being selected as
the 2020 Alabama NAESP National Distinguished Principal.

Done this 8th day of October 2020