

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN S. JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
ETOWAH COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM,
2020 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos named John S. Jones Elementary School in the Etowah County School System as a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, almost 10,000 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those that reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, 317 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation, for the 2020 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored during a virtual conference and awards ceremony November 12-13, 2020:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of John S. Jones Elementary School, Etowah County School System, on achieving the status of a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2020.

Done this 14th day of January 2021