

**RESOLUTION OF DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITION – 2020 ALABAMA
SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR, HAYDEN BELISLE,
OAK MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, an innovative Alabama educator, who makes it her personal mission to incorporate strategies to make learning more engaging and relevant for students, Hayden Belisle has earned the prestigious Alabama School Counselor of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama School Counselor of the Year Award is one of the highest honors bestowed by the Alabama School Counselor Association; and

WHEREAS, the School Counselor of the Year Award honors school counseling professionals who devote their careers advocating for students in helping them to achieve success in school and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's school counselors make significant contributions to the total and overall well-being of students and advocate for academic achievement, career development, and social growth; and

WHEREAS, Alabama School Counselor of the Year Hayden Belisle is a counselor at Oak Mountain Elementary School located in the Shelby County School System; and

WHEREAS, this is her fifteenth year at Oak Mountain Elementary School where she has been instrumental in developing a variety of student-centered programs including student mentoring and leadership opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Alabama School Counselor of the Year Hayden Belisle is described as, "a calm, decisive decision maker with wisdom that only comes from hard work, dedication, and innate character"; and

WHEREAS, her colleagues and peers in education truly feel that she embodies the spirit of a counselor – engaged, knowledgeable, and a mentor to all students; and

WHEREAS, Alabama School Counselor of the Year Hayden Belisle received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Auburn University, and Masters of Education degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Montevallo; and

WHEREAS, the Great State of Alabama is proud of Alabama School Counselor of the Year Hayden Belisle and her many accomplishments:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby extend appreciation and heartfelt congratulations to Alabama's 2020 School Counselor of the Year Hayden Belisle.

Done this 14th day of July 2020