

**RESOLUTION TO HONOR ALABAMA K-12 STUDENT
ALEX KING
JAMES CLEMENS HIGH SCHOOL, MADISON CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
AS A 2021 NATIONAL CYBER SCHOLAR**

WHEREAS, outstanding technology practices are critical to Alabama's continued prosperity and future growth; and

WHEREAS, current statistics show the United States will soon need more than three million Cybersecurity professionals to help defend and maintain the nation's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, America's cybersecurity efforts are also helping to protect our nation's vital data resources, governmental information, and citizens' private health data; and

WHEREAS, Alabama K-12 student Alex King has officially been named a 2021 National Cyber Scholar; and

WHEREAS, National Cyber Scholar Alex King is a top student at James Clemens High School, located in the Madison City School System; and

WHEREAS, this initiative was created by the National Cyber Scholarship Foundation to inspire more young people to consider this exciting career path; and

WHEREAS, more than 30,000 students from across the country applied this year; and

WHEREAS, only a total of 5,000 applicants advanced to the first national round—and of this top tier group, only 600 earned the National Cyber Scholars Award; and

WHEREAS, this highly respected field helps to maintain our global data networks, while also defending our personal online data from cyber-related threats; and

WHEREAS, it requires a thorough understanding of technology, science concepts, and mathematics theory; and

WHEREAS, Alabama K-12 student Alex King earned the coveted title of "National Cyber Scholar" after successfully winning the rigorous 48-hour national technology competition designed to evaluate professional skills in combating cyber threats; and

WHEREAS, National Cyber Scholar Alex King also earned a \$2,500 scholarship; and

WHEREAS, National Cyber Scholar Alex King also earned a special invitation to participate in the Cyber Foundations Academy, a national skill-building certification course; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education is excited to congratulate National Cyber Scholar Alex King for earning this prestigious honor:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Alex King upon the honor of being selected as one of America's outstanding students who displays excellence in Cybersecurity.

Done this 12th day of August 2021