

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 2021-2022 ALTERNATE ALABAMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR ALLI PHELPS, SHADES CAHABA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HOMEWOOD CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Alternate Alabama Teacher of the Year Alli Phelps is a top Homewood City School System educator who is an innovative, active, and committed part of her community; and

WHEREAS, while a K-12 student you would often find her reading and learning new things on her own – she soon realized teaching would be her career; and

WHEREAS, Alternate Alabama Teacher of the Year Alli Phelps worked two jobs as a full-time college student, to save enough money to begin teaching at a prestigious Australian boarding school; and

WHEREAS, this famed school was known for its highly diverse student population; and

WHEREAS, while teaching internationally she gained valuable insight and prospective on the importance of individual and student-focused teaching methods; and

WHEREAS, after this great professional experience, Alternate Alabama Teacher of the Year Alli Phelps returned to the United States and began teaching at Homewood High School; and

WHEREAS, she also went on to earn a master's degree in ESL and to participate in a prestigious Venezuelan cultural immersion program; and

WHEREAS, Alternate Alabama Teacher of the Year Alli Phelps was reared from a young age to be both supportive and helpful to others; and

WHEREAS, her family instilled a lasting appreciation for education, which inspired Alternate Alabama Teacher of the Year Alli Phelps to dedicate her life to teaching; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, she began teaching at Shades Cahaba Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, she holds a great belief in providing all students rewarding opportunities to build wide-ranging skills through language development and international studies; and

WHEREAS, her classroom curriculum promotes student success through a keen focus on personal educational experiences and research; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of the Homewood City Schools Superintendent Leadership Team, a College Choice Foundation Scholar mentor, an Assistant League of Greater Birmingham Operation Literacy Liaison, and a professional mentor to many educators statewide:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby congratulate Mrs. Alli Phelps for being named the 2021-2022 Alternate Alabama Teacher of the Year and the Elementary Teacher of the Year and commends her dedication to Alabama's K-12 students.

Done this 12th day of August 2021