IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2019 ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) and the Alabama Bicentennial Commission recognize the vital need for student voices in assisting in the celebration of Alabama’s 200th birthday; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Bicentennial Student Advisory Council is a group of 42 secondary school students from across Alabama chaired by John W. “Jack” Orr, Decatur High School, Decatur City School System; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Bicentennial Student Advisory Council convened in the fall of 2019, and has interviewed local and state officials about the importance of the celebration of Alabama’s Bicentennial; and

WHEREAS, the council members gathered input from their communities on students’ needs and opinions on the future of Alabama, bringing community issues and celebrations to the attention of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission and to the general public; and

WHEREAS, the council’s interviews and presentations have been presented locally and on social media to bring attention to the unique characteristics of the communities of Alabama:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and thank the 2019 Alabama Bicentennial Student Advisory Council for their hard work, research, and dedication to improving the lives of Alabamians and in engaging Alabama youth in the celebration of the state’s bicentennial.

Done this 14th day of November 2019