RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF FOLASADE OYEKENU, MUNFORD HIGH SCHOOL, TALLADEGA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS A 2019 NATIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (NCWIT) ASPIRATIONS Awardee Finalist

WHEREAS, now that the highly-versatile and sought-after computer science skillset is essential in today’s information economy, initiatives that promote computer science awareness and lead to increased college graduates with computing-related degrees are more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Women and Information Technology Aspirations for Computing Initiative, chartered in 2004 by the National Science Foundation, provides girls and young women with ongoing engagement, visibility, and encouragement for their computing-related interests and achievements in high school through college and into the workforce; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 50 young women in the entire nation are selected each year as national NCWIT Awardee finalists; and

WHEREAS, through the northern regional affiliate selection process, only one 2019 NCWIT Awardee national finalist from Alabama was chosen from a number of young women who display aptitude and interest in computer science; and

WHEREAS, Folasade Oyekenu, Munford High School, Talladega County School System, has demonstrated excellence in the computer science and information technology field in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Miss Folasade Oyekenu was chosen as a 2019 national finalist to receive the award for displaying aptitude and interest in Information Technology, and computing, solid leadership ability, a commendable academic history, and plans for post-secondary education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Folasade Oyekenu upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama’s outstanding young women who display excellence in computer science.

Done this 11th day of April 2019