

## **IN RECOGNITION OF ATHENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ATHENS CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, 2018 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos named Athens Elementary School in the Athens City School System as a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1982 nearly 8,800 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those who reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

**WHEREAS**, 349 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation, for the 2018 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards ceremony November 7-8, 2018, in Washington, D.C.:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Athens Elementary School, Athens City School System, on achieving the status of a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2018.

Done this 14th day of March 2019