

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DELAURA DOWNS  
JEFFERSON COUNTY INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE  
SCHOOL, JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
AS A 2021 MATHEMATICS PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FINALIST**

**WHEREAS**, now that we have entered the 21st century, proficiency in mathematics and science is more important than ever; and

**WHEREAS**, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching established by Congress in 1983, are the nation's highest honor bestowed upon Grades K-12 mathematics and science teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, fewer than 200 teachers throughout the nation, including Washington, D. C., Puerto Rico, schools of the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the United States territories, are selected each year as state finalists; and

**WHEREAS**, through the state selection committee, three 2021 state mathematics finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaura Downs of Jefferson County International Baccalaureate Middle School, Jefferson County School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama mathematics classroom for 18 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaura Downs was chosen as a 2021 finalist in Alabama to receive the award for excellence in mathematics teaching:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Delaura Downs upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama's outstanding teachers of mathematics.

Done this 14th day of October 2021