

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF JENNIFER KENNEDY
SPARK ACADEMY AT COWART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ATHENS CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
AS A 2020 SCIENCE 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 2020 state science finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Kennedy of Spark Academy at Cowart Elementary School, Athens City School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama science classroom for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Kennedy was chosen as a 2020 finalist in Alabama to receive the award for excellence in science teaching:

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

Done this 14th day of October 2021