COMMENDING 2019-2020 ALABAMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR
AND ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR ANA CAROLINA BEHEL,
WEEDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FLORENCE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Ana Carolina Behel, an educator in the Florence City School System believes student success is highly connected to excellent communication and language development skills; and

WHEREAS, 2019-2020 Alabama Teacher of the Year Ana Carolina Behel was inspired to become an educator by her personal experiences growing up in Guatemala, where she developed a real enthusiasm for languages and different learning methods; and

WHEREAS, she believes teachers have a significant impact on students, which helps to develop their language skills and social development; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Teacher of the Year Ana Carolina Behel believes all K-12 students must have supportive learning environments, which inspires them to develop their communication skills and full academic potential; and

WHEREAS, she makes it her personal mission to find innovative, rigorous, relevant, and engaging learning strategies for students; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Teacher of the Year Ana Carolina Behel is a National Board Certified Teacher, a current Educational Administration doctoral degree candidate, and also is a first-generation college graduate; and

WHEREAS, her personal experiences have provided her with a true global approach, which has broadened her ability to reach students from various backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, when she was a student herself, she often received school assignments in German, Spanish, and English; and

WHEREAS, as a veteran educator in our state with more than 24 years of experience, 2019-2020 Alabama Teacher of the Year Ana Carolina Behel truly appreciates the opportunities that great teachers have, to positively shape the promising futures of students; and

WHEREAS, she uses a student-centered approach in the classroom to design challenging curriculum, which engages all students to learn at the highest levels of achievement; and

WHEREAS, she believes every student deserves an equitable education taught by a quality teacher who knows their craft well, and who is committed to preparing them for success:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education congratulates educator Ana Carolina Behel for being selected the 2019-2020 Alabama Teacher of the Year and Elementary Teacher of the Year and expresses personal gratitude for her continued dedication to student achievement and excellence.

Done this 9th day of May 2019