IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHANIE GILLEY STEWARD, SPRING GARDEN HIGH SCHOOL, CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS A 2019 MATHEMATICS PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE 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 (PAEMST) 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 2019 state mathematics finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Gilley Steward of Spring Garden High School, Cherokee County School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama mathematics classroom for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Gilley Steward was chosen as a 2019 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 Stephanie Gilley Steward upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama’s outstanding teachers of mathematics.

Done this 10th day of October 2019