IN RECOGNITION OF DONNA BURKE,
ROBERT F. BUMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL, HOOVER CITY SCHOOL
SYSTEM, 2019 ALABAMA ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) sponsors a national program to honor outstanding assistant principals from across the United States and more than 45 countries; and

WHEREAS, Donna Burke, assistant principal of Robert F. Bumpus Middle School in the Hoover City School System, was selected as Alabama’s 2019 Assistant Principal of the Year by the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, Donna Burke is well known for engaging with the students at Robert F. Bumpus Middle School. Donna Burke always meet with students at the front door to talk with them about their thoughts, feelings, and events from the previous night. Donna Burke works hard to eliminate potentially stressful situations among students and is well known for engaging with the staff as well. Donna Burke checks on a regular basis with the teachers to see how they are dealing with personal matters; and

WHEREAS, Donna Burke has initiated a partnership with the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) to bring the Heritage Panel to Robert F. Bumpus Middle School. Donna Burke and other teachers selected 30 diverse students who were trained by the YWCA to teach other students about diversity and acceptance. Donna Burke created Bumpus Embraces Students at Trace Crossing (BEST), a program for middle school girls that builds leadership skills and self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, putting her heart into every aspect of her job, Donna Burke is very passionate about the care and well-being of her students and the staff. Donna Burke is indeed deserving of the prestigious title that she has received; and

WHEREAS, each year, the National Association of Secondary School Principals congratulates assistant principals from across the nation for their exemplary achievements by recognizing them in its Assistant Principal of the Year Program; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Principal of the Year Program honors outstanding secondary assistant principals who ensure that America's students acquire a sound foundation for lifelong learning and achievement, and the program annually honors secondary assistant principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Donna Burke upon the honor of being selected as the 2019 Alabama High School Assistant Principal of the Year.

Done this 10th day of October 2019