

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 2022-2023 ALABAMA TEACHER
OF THE YEAR AND ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR
REGGIE WHITE,
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON K-8 SCHOOL,
BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Alabama's 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year Reggie White is an excellent example of educational leadership, mentorship, and classroom innovation; and

WHEREAS, he was reared from an early age to be both supportive and helpful to others, and his family instilled a lasting appreciation for education; and

WHEREAS, over the span of his exciting 25-year career, Alabama Teacher of the Year Reggie White has focused his efforts on developing the essential life skills of his students, while also providing them with a solid foundation of engaging classroom experiences and support; and

WHEREAS, he is a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) and a dynamic fifth-grade educator at Booker T. Washington K-8 School in the Birmingham City School System; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Teacher of the Year Reggie White grew up in Choctaw County and attended Alabama State University with the intention of majoring in communications; and

WHEREAS, the Baptist Student Union at Alabama State University provided him with a wonderful opportunity to serve as a missionary in San Jose, California, where he helped children learn English and showed local families top educational methods to improve student reading; and

WHEREAS, during this same time he also decided to fully commit his efforts to becoming an effective educator who utilized a *student-centered approach* to teach young people; and

WHEREAS, he also began to focus his efforts on developing authentic classroom approaches to help every student achieve; and

WHEREAS, top Alabama educator Reggie White subscribes to the personal belief that parents want teachers to genuinely care about their families' overall well-being and success; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Teacher of the Year Reggie White works each day to ensure that every student is connected to their community and appreciates the opportunities around them; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Teacher of the Year Reggie White wants all students to be prepared for bright futures – he works to teach every student the true value of academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Teacher of the Year Reggie White is a great professional example for all educators statewide:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby congratulate Reggie White for being selected the 2022-2023 Alabama Teacher of the Year and Elementary Teacher of the Year and expresses gratitude for his dedication and service to K-12 excellence.

Done this 12th day of May 2022