

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF WALTER JACKSON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, DECATUR CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM,
AS A 2022 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Miguel Cardona named Walter Jackson Elementary School in the Decatur City School System as a 2022 National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, more than 9,000 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those that reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, 297 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation, for the 2022 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards ceremony November 3-4, 2022, in Washington, D.C.:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Walter Jackson Elementary School, Decatur City School System, on achieving the status of a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2022.

Done this 10th day of November 2022