

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE WORK AND SERVICE OF
DR. CYNTHIA SANDERS MCCARTY
ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT SIX**

WHEREAS, Dr. McCarty received a Bachelor's degree in International Trade from Auburn University, her Master of Business Administration degree from Samford University, and Ph.D. in Economics from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McCarty began her career in banking at AmSouth Bank in Birmingham, Alabama, first in the Audit Department and later in the International Office where she was a foreign exchange trader and taught economics at Jacksonville State University where she also serves as Director of the University's Center for Economic Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McCarty began her career in education where she is now a professor of Economics in the College of Commerce and Business Administration, and for the past 20 years, she has also served as the Director of Jacksonville State University's Center for Business and Free Enterprise Education and Entrepreneurship that provides professional development for Grades K-12 teachers and education students, especially in the areas of economics, social studies, and personal finance; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McCarty has dedicated her career to serving others in the field of public education as evidenced by her role on the higher education level and has greatly expanded her role as a leader in education policy becoming the Alabama State Board of Education Representative for State School Board District Six on January 19, 2015, and served in the official role as a State Board Member on February 11, 2015; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. McCarty's distinguished tenure on the Alabama State Board of Education, she has not only served as State Board Representative for District Six but was also elected as State Board Vice President on July 11, 2017, where she served professionally and diplomatically in addressing various statewide education issues; and

WHEREAS, while serving on the Alabama State Board of Education, Dr. McCarty supported some of the most significant education policies to date, including but not limited to, the Support of the Wireless Infrastructure Renovation for Education (WIRED), the *Every Student Succeed Act* that replaced No Child Left Behind; Adjunct instructors in Alabama's K-12 schools; staff in the Office of Teaching and Learning, the Educator Certification Background Clearance Office, and Office of General Counsel for their outstanding involvement in the betterment of the profession of education and their consistent leadership in the quest for safe and professional educational environments for Alabama's children; education preparation programs in universities and colleges, recognition of Dyslexia month; National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; computer science education and education task force; State Superintendent Student Advisory Council, innovation techniques in schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McCarty has been a strong supporter of Grades K-12 Career and Technical Education and Workforce Development Initiatives for students, K-12 Financial Literacy Education efforts, the continued development of Alabama's STEM Education programs and the 2022 Inaugural Purple Star Schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McCarty and her husband, Pat, have three children, Ethan, William, and Daniel:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education do hereby express their deepest gratitude to the legacy of Dr. McCarty for her selfless service and commitment to education and her professionalism during her tenure on the Alabama State Board of Education:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education, the Alabama State Department of Education, and grateful colleagues all across the great state of Alabama do hereby honor the work of Dr. McCarty and her unselfish service to the students, parents, educators, and friends of public education that she has so eloquently and admirably given to support education in the state of Alabama.

Done this 12th day of January 2023