

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF SADI BESS SHANNON,  
AUSTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL, DECATUR CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS A  
2022 SCIENCE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD 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, established by Congress in 1983, are the nation's highest honor bestowed upon 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 2022 state science finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Sadi Bess Shannon of Austin Middle School, Decatur City School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama science classroom for 17 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Sadi Bess Shannon was chosen as a 2022 finalist in Alabama to receive the award for excellence in science teaching:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Mrs. Sadi Bess Shannon upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama's outstanding teachers of science.

Done this 12th day of January 2023