RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MAYA YANG
VESTAVIA HILLS ELEMENTARY WEST SCHOOL
VESTAVIA HILLS CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2023 ELEMENTARY BEST OF SHOW
STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State
Department of Education recognize that the visual arts are a vital and enriching segment
of children’s education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit provides an opportunity
for K-12 students in every school system to participate; and

WHEREAS, the criteria set for judging are sanctioned by recognized and
prestigious organizations—the National Art Education Association, the Alabama Art
Education Association, the Alabama Arts Alliance, the Alabama Institute for Education in
the Arts, and the Alabama State Council on the Arts; and

WHEREAS, support should be given to visual arts programs and teachers as they
attempt to strengthen and strive for artistic literacy, educational excellence, and for a well-
rounded education for every student; and

WHEREAS, the visual arts contribute powerful educational benefits to all
elementary and secondary students by enhancing metacognitive abilities and engaging
students to learn; promoting curiosity, creativity, innovation, critical-thinking, problem-
solving, and collaboration; provide opportunities to access, develop, express, and
integrate meaning across a variety of content, other curricula experiences, and the human
condition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of
Education does hereby commend Maya Yang, Vestavia Hills Elementary West, Vestavia
Hills City School System; her teacher, Mrs. Jamie Kolb Lord; her principal, Ms. Kim
Hauser; and her superintendent, Dr. Michael Todd Freeman, and congratulates her for
winning Elementary Best of Show in the 2023 State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit.

Done this 9th day of February 2023