

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. KARISSA E. LANG, PRINCIPAL,
CRESTLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HARTSELLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM,
AS ALABAMA'S 2023 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPALS NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL**

WHEREAS, the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) sponsors the National Distinguished Principal Program to honor outstanding elementary and middle-level principals who ensure that America's children acquire a sound foundation for lifelong learning and achievement, and who have set high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and school climate in their schools; and

WHEREAS, elementary and middle-level principals are nominated for this achievement by peers in their state and final selections are made by committees appointed by the Alabama Association of Elementary School Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Karissa E. Lang, principal of Crestline Elementary School in the Hartselle City School System, was selected as Alabama's 2023 NAESP National Distinguished Principal by the Alabama Association of Elementary School Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Karissa E. Lang has demonstrated excellence in education, having earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Auburn University, a Master in Elementary Education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, a master's in educational leadership from Jacksonville State University, an Ed.S. in Educational Leadership from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and National Board Certification as a Middle Generalist; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Karissa E. Lang has dedicated her career to education, serving as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal over the past two decades; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Karissa E. Lang has been recognized for her leadership and commitment to education, receiving numerous awards and honors; and has a strong commitment to serving her community, holding leadership positions in several community organizations, including the Hartselle City Center Board and the Decatur/Morgan County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Karissa E. Lang as principal of Crestline Elementary School has made significant strides in improving the school's culture, test scores, student discipline, and parent and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Karissa E. Lang has worked tirelessly to create an inclusive and supportive environment for all students, including spearheading fundraising efforts for a new SNAP playground and implementing an Environmental Sciences Program that provides students with hands-on learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Karissa E. Lang, with an unwavering commitment to excellence in the rewarding field of education reflects immense credit upon the entire State of Alabama, and is truly deserving of special commendation and praise:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Mrs. Karissa E. Lang upon the honor of being selected as Alabama's 2023 NAESP National Distinguished Principal.

Done this 12th day of October 2023