

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
LAMAR COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM,  
NATIONAL *ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)*  
DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, the National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program is a project of the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators and provides an opportunity for Title I schools from every state to be recognized for their positive educational advances and the outstanding academic achievement of their students; and

**WHEREAS**, schools nominated for the National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program have high levels of poverty, demonstrate high academic achievement, and meet or exceed state-determined accountability criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, through the state selection process, Vernon Elementary School in the Lamar County School System was selected for Category 1 of the Distinguished Schools Program that is awarded for exceptional student performance and academic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, Vernon Elementary School Principal, Ms. Tracey Walker, and select school staff will have the opportunity to represent Alabama at the National ESEA Conference in Portland, Oregon in February 2024:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Vernon Elementary School upon the honor of being selected to receive recognition as a National ESEA Distinguished School.

Done this 14th day of December 2023