

**RESOLUTION HONORING ALABAMA EDUCATOR  
KORRI CUNNINGHAM, JOHN HERBERT PHILLIPS ACADEMY  
BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
RECIPIENT OF THE 2023 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, Alabama joined the Milken Educator Awards Program in 1998, and 40 of our state's top educators have now earned this prestigious award; and

**WHEREAS**, since starting at John Herbert Phillips Academy in 2015 as an English Language Arts teacher, Alabama Milken Educator Korri Cunningham has excelled both in the classroom and as a valued member of the school's instructional leadership team; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama Milken Educator Korri Cunningham's unique skill set working with teachers and students, combined with her lasting commitment to achieving educational goals, has equipped her with the tools and resources necessary for success; and

**WHEREAS**, her remarkable leadership, resourcefulness, and ability to build solid relationships have truly made her a trusted education leader in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, Korri Cunningham earned an Associate of Arts in English from Lawson State Community College in 2011, a Bachelor of Science in secondary education English from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 2015, and a Master of Education in instructional leadership from the University of West Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, as an instructional coach, Milken Educator Korri Cunningham is a role model to students and actively supports colleagues in lesson planning while also demonstrating innovative best practices through her lesson modeling and mentorship; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama Milken Educator Korri Cunningham is now a part of the national Journey to the 3,000<sup>th</sup> Milken Award recipient effort; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, the Milken Family Foundation will reach \$75 million in individual financial awards provided to educators nationwide since its inception; and

**WHEREAS**, this organization remains focused on empowering educators to "Celebrate, Elevate, and Activate" the K-12 profession; and

**WHEREAS**, National Milken Educator Award recipients are actively sought out while in their early to mid-career for the great potential they possess to reach true educational success in our nation's schools and classrooms; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to have America's best and brightest in our local classrooms to help prepare our students for life after graduation and adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, it is evident that Alabama Milken Educator Korri Cunningham goes above and beyond to empower students in reaching their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, she has taken extra steps to further her own instructional knowledge by becoming a trained teacher consultant through the Red Mountain Writing Project, as well as completing International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum training and spearheading IB coordination in her community while also utilizing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) processes to further build a highly effective, positive, and motivating student-centered school culture:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Korri Cunningham upon the honor of being selected as Alabama's 2023 recipient of the Milken Educator Award.

Done this 14th day of December 2023