RESOLUTION OF DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITION 2024 NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR DR. DIANA VIRGIL, DALEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL DALEVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

- **WHEREAS**, an innovative Alabama educator, who makes it her personal mission to incorporate strategies to make learning more engaging and relevant for students, has earned the prestigious National School Counselor of the Year Award and the first school counselor from Alabama to receive this recognition; and
- **WHEREAS**, the National School Counselor of the Year Award is one of the highest honors bestowed and celebrates school counseling professionals who devote their careers advocating for students—helping them to achieve success in school and throughout life; and
- WHEREAS, Alabama school counselors make significant contributions to the total and overall well-being of students and advocate for academic success, career development, and personal growth; and
- **WHEREAS,** National School Counselor of the Year, Dr. Diana Virgil, is a school counselor at Daleville High School, located in the Daleville City School System; and
- **WHEREAS,** this is her eighth year as a school counselor and her third year at Daleville High School, where she has been instrumental in developing a variety of student-centered programs; and
- **WHEREAS,** National School Counselor of the Year, Dr. Diana Virgil, is described as "caring, energetic, passionate, and committed"; and
- **WHEREAS,** her colleagues and peers in education truly feel that she embodies the spirit of a counselor—she is the heart of the school and makes the community feel complete; and
- **WHEREAS,** National School Counselor of the Year, Dr. Diana Virgil, received her bachelor, master, and Education Specialist degrees from Mississippi College and her doctorate degree from University of the Cumberlands; and
- **WHEREAS,** the great state of Alabama is proud of National School Counselor of the Year, Dr. Diana Virgil, and her many accomplishments:
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby extend appreciation and heartfelt congratulations to the 2024 National School Counselor of the Year, Dr. Diana Virgil.

Done this 8th day of February 2024