

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DR. WALTER B. GONSOULIN, JR. AS THE 2025 ALABAMA SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter B. Gonsoulin, Jr., currently serves as the Superintendent of the Jefferson County School System, where he has effectively led the district since 2020, fostering an environment that prioritizes academic excellence and holistic student development; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gonsoulin has dedicated over three decades of exemplary service to the field of education, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to student achievement; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Gonsoulin's leadership, the Jefferson County School System has implemented innovative programs that have significantly improved educational outcomes; and

WHEREAS, with advanced degrees including a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, a Master of Education in Administration and Supervision, and a strong background in both teaching and administration, Dr. Gonsoulin embodies the qualifications and leadership necessary for transformative educational practices; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gonsoulin has played a vital role in numerous professional organizations, including School Superintendents of Alabama, where he served as President, District Five President, and currently sits on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gonsoulin's military service as a Specialist during Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield exemplifies his commitment to service and leadership beyond the educational realm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gonsoulin's passion for education, coupled with his strategic vision and collaborative approach, has earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues, students, and community members alike:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education, do hereby recognize Dr. Walter B. Gonsoulin, Jr., as the 2025 Alabama Superintendent of the Year and commends his outstanding contributions to education as well as his unwavering commitment to fostering a brighter future for all students in Alabama.

Done this 12th day of December 2024