

RESOLUTION HONORING DR. WALTER B. GONSOULIN, JR. NATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education recognizes exceptional leadership, educational innovation, and dedication to student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter B. Gonsoulin, Jr., Superintendent of Jefferson County School System, has been honored as the **National Superintendent of the Year**, reflecting his outstanding contributions to education at both the state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter B. Gonsoulin, Jr., earned his Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Mississippi State University, a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Southern University, and Bachelor degrees in Elementary Education and Interpersonal Counseling and Communication from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter B. Gonsoulin, Jr., has dedicated his career to educational excellence as Interim Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and Superintendent of Jefferson County School System, Superintendent of Fairfield City School System, Assistant Superintendent in Starkville School District, and as an educator and administrator at various esteemed institutions; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter B. Gonsoulin, Jr., professional service extends beyond district leadership, encompassing roles as Adjunct Professor at Samford University and Miles College, President of the School Superintendents of Alabama, and significant contributions to numerous professional organizations and committees dedicated to educational leadership and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter B. Gonsoulin, Jr., remarkable achievement in securing over \$21 million in grants for after-school and summer enrichment programs has positively impacted countless students, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to providing educational opportunities for all children, especially those in underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter B. Gonsoulin, Jr., is a respected scholar and presenter, contributing research and expertise through numerous international, national, and state conferences, publications, and professional associations, further demonstrating his dedication to educational advancement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby congratulates Dr. Walter B. Gonsoulin, Jr., for being named National Superintendent of the Year, recognizes his exemplary service, leadership, and dedication to education, and expresses sincere appreciation for his invaluable contributions to the Jefferson County School System, the State of Alabama, and the nation.

Adopted this 10th day of April 2025