RESOLUTION COMMENDING 2025-2026 ALTERNATE STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND SECONDARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR MR. AUBREY BENNETT, GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER HIGH SCHOOL, BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, George Washington Carver High School Teacher and celebrated educator, Mr. Aubrey Bennett, has been selected as the 2025-2026 Alternate State Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aubrey Bennett is committed to academic excellence and rigor in the classroom as a twelfth-grade United States Government and Economics teacher and distinguished Advanced Placement (AP) African-American History educator for his dedication in leading students to earn qualifying scores on AP exams; and

WHEREAS, he is dedicated to producing a generation of leaders as Student Government Association advisor, as a teacher leader, and as a coach; and

WHEREAS, growing up in a single-parent household truly shaped State Alternate Teacher of the Year, Mr. Aubrey Bennett, into the dynamic educator that he is today who makes no excuses in lieu of excellence and addresses chronic absenteeism one student and one family at a time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aubrey Bennett serves as attendance liaison, in addition to teaching and extracurricular responsibilities, and has facilitated school programs to promote regular school attendance through community engagement; and

WHEREAS, his fourth-grade teacher inspired him to become an educator and has not only celebrated his students' achievements but also acknowledged the achievements of other educators and staff through Social Media platforms to promote a positive school culture and climate; and

WHEREAS, as an accomplished educator in the Birmingham City School System, school leaders describe him as a teacher who has dedicated his career to student and family engagement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Aubrey Bennett is an exemplary educator at Birmingham's historic George Washington Carver High School and works tirelessly to ensure that all students receive the best educational experience possible; and

WHEREAS, he believes education is a life-long journey and embraces best practices to engage every student in the learning process; and

WHEREAS, his influence extends well beyond the classroom, and former students often return to extend gratitude to him for the lessons they learned under his leadership:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education congratulates Mr. Aubrey Bennett for being selected the 2025-2026 Alternate State Teacher of the Year and Secondary Teacher of the Year and expresses gratitude for his dedication to Grades K-12 achievement.

Done this 8th day of May 2025