

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 2025-2026  
ALABAMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR  
MRS. KATIE COLLINS, BLUFF PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
HOOVER CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, exemplary Alabama educator, Mrs. Katie Collins, has committed her life and career to excellence in the teaching profession; and

**WHEREAS**, her strength is rooted in helping all students succeed through the implementation of innovative strategies to promote authentic engagement in schools; and inspires students to achieve their full potential and families to support students' success through creative community outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Katie Collins has secured over \$70,000 in grants for instructional programs and resources, including funds to support the construction of a greenhouse and other educational projects; and

**WHEREAS**, this year marks her 20th year in the teaching profession where she has demonstrated a remarkable ability to teach students on all grade levels, from elementary to high school, in addition to adult education programs; and

**WHEREAS**, she believes education is a life-long journey and continues to embrace every opportunity to teach and educate students as a National Board Certified Educator, Google Classroom Educator, and Distinguished Modern Classroom Educator; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Katie Collins believes in the transformative power of education advocates for students in her application of research-based strategies to support student achievement at higher levels; and

**WHEREAS**, her personal focus remains on developing meaningful and authentic classroom approaches to help students reach learning goals; and

**WHEREAS**, one of her proudest professional accomplishments has been creating the Communities Family Literacy Program, with the help of colleagues, to serve not only students but also families; and

**WHEREAS**, she has responded to the need for parents to have access to pre-school English language services within their community to transform literacy outcomes at the youngest grade-levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Katie Collins, is enthusiastic about creating and modeling projects to promote student independence and leadership including, but not limited to, a farmers market where first-grade students participated in growing and selling plants, recording observations in plant growth, and writing persuasively and creating videos to market plants; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Katie Collins believes every parent or guardian is important in reinforcing the importance of education to every K-12 student and postsecondary learner:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education congratulates Mrs. Katie Collins for being selected the 2025-2026 Elementary Teacher of the Year and Alabama Teacher of the Year and expresses gratitude for her dedication to K-12 excellence.

Done this 8th day of May 2025