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RESOLUTION HONORING ESTEEMED ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER BETTY PETERS – DEDICATED REPRESENTATIVE OF STATE BOARD DISTRICT TWO

WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty Peters has served our state well as an active, engaged, and knowledgeable member of the Alabama State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, on *November 5, 2002*, Mrs. Betty Peters was officially elected to the Alabama State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Betty Peters was re-elected and served three additional terms on the Alabama State Board of Education – 2006, 2010, and 2014; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Betty Peters has been a *consistent pillar of strength and character* throughout her years of service; and

WHEREAS, she has embodied one of her favorite philosophies, which was originally posed by President Abraham Lincoln – it declares "we often reap what we teach, or neglect to teach in our classrooms" – our focus must remain steadfast on preparing our youth for success; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Betty Peters graduated from Dothan High School and then Troy University, summa cum laude; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Betty Peters has also had an exceptional professional career – she has worked for Auburn University, the United States Taiwan Defense Command in Taipei, Taiwan, the United States Social Security Administration, and has been a top substitute and volunteer school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty Peters has successfully led Alabama State Board of Education, District Two, as a dedicated, compassionate, and focused leader; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty Peters has been a positive influence for statewide growth and educational achievement – always keeping the best interest of students at the forefront; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty Peters has been a strong advocate for all children, working tirelessly to improve communication among parents, educators, and all stakeholders statewide; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Betty Peters has been a true servant-leader who has inspired excellence throughout her many years of service; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Betty Peters has been an advocate for innovative educational initiatives, which allow students to achieve at higher levels, including our K-12 Reading Programs, Science Initiatives, English and Language Arts

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Curriculum development, Career and Technical Education Standards, and Computer Science Literacy efforts; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama is proud of Alabama State Board of Education Member Betty Peters and her many years of service to our state and nation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Mrs. Betty Peters for her commitment to excellence and does hereby extend its sincere congratulations.

Done this 10th day of January 2019