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3 By Senator Waggoner

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COMMENDING JENNIFER BROWN ON HER OUTSTANDING  
ACHIEVEMENT OF BEING SELECTED AS THE 2015-2016 ALABAMA TEACHER  
OF THE YEAR.

WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations are herein proudly extended to Jennifer Brown, an exemplary tenth-grade teacher of applied physical science at Vestavia Hills High School since 2002, on her outstanding achievement of being selected as the 2015-2016 Alabama Teacher of the Year;

WHEREAS, one of the longest established and most prestigious award programs for teachers, the Alabama Teacher of the Year program honors and recognizes the many valuable contributions of classroom teachers; each year, the honoree is a candidate for the National Teacher of the Year Program, a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown will serve as the official spokesperson and representative for teachers in Alabama for

1 the next year; she was named the winner among four finalists  
2 throughout the state; and

3 WHEREAS, she graduated from Pleasant Grove High  
4 School and originally wanted to be a professional basketball  
5 player in the WNBA, but when she realized that was not her  
6 destiny, she pursued nursing in college and developed a love  
7 for science; after coaching youth softball she realized she  
8 wanted to be a teacher and switched to education; she is a  
9 graduate of both the University of Alabama at Birmingham and  
10 the University of Montevallo; and

11 WHEREAS, State Superintendent of Education Tommy  
12 Bice said Brown embodies the best of what quality instruction  
13 looks like in action, cultivating life-long learners with her  
14 passion for her students to achieve a depth of understanding  
15 of science and real-world science application; Vestavia Hills  
16 schools Superintendent Sheila Phillips said there is not a  
17 more deserving person than Ms. Brown, stating that her passion  
18 allows her to inspire both her students and her colleagues;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to her classroom duties, Ms.  
21 Brown is a co-sponsor of the Vestavia Hills High School Key  
22 Club and an advisor for the school's Ultimate Frisbee Club;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, with her commitment to excellence in the  
25 field of education, Ms. Brown is a source of justifiable pride  
26 to the community and the State of Alabama, and she is truly

1 deserving of this significant honor bestowed upon her; now  
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we highly honor and commend  
5 Jennifer Brown on her selection as the 2015-2016 Alabama  
6 Teacher of the Year, and by copy of this resolution we offer  
7 our deepest admiration and appreciation, along with our best  
8 wishes for continued success in academics and all future  
9 endeavors.