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3 By Senator Waggoner
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8 COMMENDING JENNIFER BROWN ON HER OUTSTANDING
9 ACHIEVEMENT OF BEING SELECTED AS THE 2015-2016 ALABAMA TEACHER
10 OF THE YEAR.
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12 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
13 are herein proudly extended to Jennifer Brown, an exemplary
14 tenth-grade teacher of applied physical science at Vestavia
15 Hills High School since 2002, on her outstanding achievement
16 of being selected as the 2015-2016 Alabama Teacher of the
17 Year;

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

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Brown will serve as the official
25 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;
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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;
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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.