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3 Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman,
4 Coleman-Madison, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher,
5 Hovey, Jones, Kelley, Livingston, Melson, Price, Reed,
6 Roberts, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman,
7 Stewart, Stutts, Waggoner, Weaver, Williams

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4 SJR____ HONORING DR. MICHAEL DOUGLAS AS THE 2023 BLUE RIBBON
5 SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR.

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7 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we
8 highly honor Dr. Michael Douglas as the 2023 Blue Ribbon
9 Schools of Excellence Superintendent of the Year; and

10 WHEREAS, Blue Ribbon Schools is a nonprofit
11 organization that has been serving schools across the nation
12 since 2001; the organization partners with school systems to
13 bring guidance and support and to provide resources and
14 personnel to identify a school's key academic and
15 instructional strengths and weaknesses, with a focus on
16 improving schools and creating an environment where all
17 students can succeed; Dr. Douglas is only the fourth in the
18 nation to be recognized with this prestigious award and
19 distinction; and

20 WHEREAS, schools are evaluated in nine categories
21 indicative of being high-performing schools, including
22 curriculum, student focus, school culture, active teaching,
23 community relationships, and technology; the Blue Ribbon
24 Schools of Excellence Program conducts school visits,
25 classroom observations, and stakeholder focus groups; as of



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26 2023, 10 schools in the Decatur City Schools system have
27 been recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence; one of
28 the most diverse school systems in Alabama, Decatur City
29 Schools has received 11 awards by Blue Ribbon Schools of
30 Excellence, including 10 Lighthouse Schools Awards and one
31 Beacon Award; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Douglas has advanced educational
33 opportunities for all Decatur City Schools students by
34 creating clear feeder patterns and building a new career
35 tech center for assisting area businesses and workforce
36 development, which has led to multiple career and technical
37 opportunities; he has led the school system through a new
38 strategic plan that focuses on communications and building
39 programs for student success; furthermore, under his
40 leadership, the school system has continued to implement
41 effective safety measures to provide a safe and sound
42 instructional environment for both students and staff; and

43 WHEREAS, Dr. Douglas is an inspirational leader to
44 many in his community and beyond and is very deserving of
45 special recognition; now therefore,

46 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
47 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. Michael Douglas is
48 highly honored as the 2023 Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence
49 Superintendent of the Year, and we hereby dedicate this



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50 resolution to him with utmost appreciation, admiration, and
51 regard.