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3 By Senator Waggoner
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 28-MAY-15

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4 ENROLLED, SJR96,

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Brown will serve as the official
22 spokesperson and representative for teachers in Alabama for
23 the next year; she was named the winner among four finalists
24 throughout the state; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, in addition to her classroom duties, Ms.
19 Brown is a co-sponsor of the Vestavia Hills High School Key
20 Club and an advisor for the school's Ultimate Frisbee Club;
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22 WHEREAS, with her commitment to excellence in the
23 field of education, Ms. Brown is a source of justifiable pride
24 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.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 03-JUN-15

By: Senator Waggoner