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HR_____ HONORING DR. MICHAEL DOUGLAS AS THE 2023 BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
YEAR.

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

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

WHEREAS, schools are evaluated in nine categories
indicative of being high-performing schools, including
curriculum, student focus, school culture, active teaching,
community relationships, and technology; the Blue Ribbon
Schools of Excellence Program conduct school visits,



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

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

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

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



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