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HR\_\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING MARY TRAVIS AS RECIPIENT OF THE 2024-2025 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD.

WHEREAS, we most heartily congratulate and commend Mary Travis as the recipient of the 2024-2025 Milken Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, Milken Educators are recommended by a blue ribbon committee of education and policy leaders, appointed by each state department of education, with final selections made by the Milken Family Foundation each fall; and

WHEREAS, criteria for selection include exceptional educational talent as evidenced by outstanding instructional practices in the classroom, school, and profession; outstanding accomplishments and strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership; and an engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Mary Travis, a fifth grade math and science teacher at Gilliard Elementary School, in Mobile, Alabama, is known for her exceptional presence; engaging classroom activities that foster students' curiosity to learn by setting high expectations; meaningful mentorship and training of both new and student educators; remarkable leadership in the school; positive influence as a district teacher leader; spirited nature, as demonstrated by



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29 volunteering to be the school mascot; and overarching  
30 dedication to creating lifelong learners; and

31 WHEREAS, on January 30, 2025, Mary Travis accepted  
32 her Milken Educator Award dressed in the school's "Gilly  
33 Gator" mascot costume at an assembly attended by students,  
34 staff, dignitaries, and media; Alabama State Board of  
35 Education members, Mrs. Jackie Ziegler and Dr. Tonya Smith  
36 Chestnut; and Alabama State Superintendent of Education, Dr.  
37 Eric G. Mackey; in addition to the Award, she received an  
38 unrestricted \$25,000 cash prize; she is the 42nd recipient  
39 in Alabama since the state joined the Milken Educator Awards  
40 in 1998; and

41 WHEREAS, with her commitment to excellence and  
42 tireless dedication, Mary Travis personifies the finest  
43 qualities of those who enrich the lives of Alabama's young  
44 people through the noble vocation of education, and she is  
45 truly worthy of the significant honors bestowed upon her;  
46 now therefore,

47 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
48 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby commend Mary Travis  
49 of Gilliard Elementary School for being a recipient of the  
50 2024-2025 Milken Educator Award, and this resolution is  
51 offered to her in deepest admiration and appreciation, along  
52 with sincere best wishes for continued success in all future  
53 endeavors.