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HR_____ COMMENDING KRISTI BRIDGES SMITH ON RECEIVING THE TRAVELERS AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE.

WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations are proudly presented to Kristi Bridges Smith, a dedicated educator from Rainbow Middle School in Etowah County, for receiving the coveted Travelers Insurance Award for Teaching Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith proudly represented Etowah County and the State of Alabama at the Salute to Excellence in Education Awards Gala held in Washington, D.C., on February 13, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Gala celebrated and honored 48 outstanding educators from across the United States and is often referred to as the "Academy Awards of Education"; the Travelers Award recognizes educators who embody excellence in their practice, commitment, and leadership to the education profession; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith is completing her 32nd year as an educator; since 2014, she has taught sixth grade history and math, served as a peer helper coordinator, and a Beta Club sponsor at Rainbow Middle School; in her current role, she ignites passion for mathematics as a Math Bee sponsor, guiding the team to 10 straight championships; she also works as an off-campus tutor for K-12 and college students;



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30 WHEREAS, prior to Rainbow Middle, Mrs. Smith taught
31 fifth grade for 14 years at John S. Jones Elementary and
32 sixth grade for six years at Hewitt-Trussville Middle
33 School; her own education includes a Master of Science in
34 Elementary Education from Samford University in 1997, a
35 Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the
36 University of Montevallo in 1993, and coursework at Gadsden
37 State Community College, where she was a scholarship
38 recipient, head cheerleader, and semiprofessional
39 cheerleader for the Alabama Raiders; and

40 WHEREAS, the distinguished Travelers Award reflects
41 Mrs. Smith's deep dedication to her students and her
42 commitment to excellence, and she represented Rainbow Middle
43 School, the Etowah County School System, and the State of
44 Alabama on a national stage with grace and professionalism;
45 now therefore,

46 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
47 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Kristi Bridges Smith is truly
48 worthy of the significant honor bestowed upon her, and this
49 resolution is offered to her in deepest admiration and
50 appreciation, along with sincere best wishes for continued
51 success in her future endeavors.