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SJR___ COMMENDING MRS. KELLI FISCHER ON BEING NAMED THE
2025-2026 ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature is pleased to recognize and commend Mrs. Katherine "Kelli" Fischer, principal of Opelika High School in the Opelika City School System, upon her selection as the 2025-2026 Alabama High School Principal of the Year by the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals (AASSP); and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor recognizes exceptional leadership in instructional excellence, school culture, innovation, and student success, and Mrs. Fischer has distinguished herself in each of these areas through her dedicated service to the students and families of Opelika; and

WHEREAS, with 15 years in education and 10 years in administrative leadership, Mrs. Fischer has demonstrated transformative leadership at Opelika High School, marked by deep relational investment, thoughtful systems-level change, and an unwavering commitment to ensuring that every student feels seen, supported, and positioned for success; and

WHEREAS, following the tragic events of 2023, when several Opelika High School students were impacted by the Dadeville mass shooting, Mrs. Fischer rose to meet the moment with courage, compassion, and resolve, redefining her



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29 leadership to prioritize healing, belonging, purpose, and
30 resilience within the school community; and

31 WHEREAS, under her leadership, Opelika High School
32 fostered a culture where care and high expectations coexist,
33 and two students injured in the tragedy returned to walk
34 across the graduation stage in 2024, an achievement Mrs.
35 Fischer has identified as one of the proudest moments of her
36 professional career; and

37 WHEREAS, to translate vision into action, Mrs.
38 Fischer launched impactful school-wide initiatives,
39 including Dawg Impact Groups (DIG), a daily advisory
40 structure that pairs each student with a consistent adult
41 mentor and peer group to promote connection, accountability,
42 and timely academic and social-emotional support; and

43 WHEREAS, she also established Dedicated Dawgs, a
44 student incentive program aligned with expectations for
45 attendance, achievement, and behavior, providing frequent
46 and meaningful recognition that reinforces positive habits
47 and school pride; and

48 WHEREAS, these initiatives have produced measurable
49 and meaningful outcomes, including reductions in chronic
50 absenteeism and behavior referrals, increased student
51 engagement, and stronger student-reported connections to
52 school and purpose in learning; now therefore,

53 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
54 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby commend Mrs.
55 Katherine "Kelli" Fischer for her outstanding leadership and
56 service, congratulate her on being named the 2025-2026



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57 Alabama High School Principal of the Year, and extend to her
58 the sincere appreciation and best wishes of the Legislature
59 for continued success in all her future endeavors.