

ALABAMA CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS

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RESOLUTION NO. 2

Alabama College and Career Readiness Standards

WHEREAS, Alabama PTA is the strongest statewide organization working exclusively on behalf of children and youth and has a primary objective to strengthen the family unit through parental involvement; and

WHEREAS, Alabama PTA has, since its inception in 1911, worked to “bring into closer relation the home, school and community so parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children youth;” and

WHEREAS, the Alabama College and Career Readiness Standards, erroneously referred to as common core standards, initiative is a joint effort led by the National Governors Association’s Center for Best Practices and Council of Chief State School Officers with representation from educators, content experts, researchers, national organizations, and community groups; and

WHEREAS, the career readiness standards for English language arts and mathematics define the knowledge and skills K-12 students need to graduate from high school and succeed in college and careers; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education adopted the Alabama College and Career Readiness Standards, along with selected Alabama standards on November 18, 2010; and

WHEREAS, by combining both the Alabama College and Career Readiness Standards and other select standards, the Alabama State Board of Education has adopted one of the most comprehensive sets of standards in the nation, ensuring students are prepared for a successful future in a global workforce with full implementation for the 2013-2014 school year; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Alabama PTA requests all elected officials in Alabama to support the common core state standards and collaborate with the Alabama State Board of Education to ensure that Alabama students are receiving a high quality education; and, BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to each member of the Alabama legislature, Governor Robert J. Bentley, and Dr. Thomas R. Bice, State Superintendent of Education.