



ST. MARTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation

HEREAS, St. Martin Middle School has been fortunate to have Otis Ferrell as a dedicated and committed Teacher of St. Martin Middle School, who devoted his talents to teaching multiple subjects over 38 years. In addition to teaching in Alabama, Louisiana, and Utah, Mr. Ferrell has also taught at all three Jackson County Attendance Centers: St. Martin, Vancleave, and East Central, and;

WHEREAS, Otis Ferrell provided quality instruction using effective teaching strategies, while compassionately helping students to develop academically, physically, socially, and emotionally; he provided rigorous instruction with fidelity, he selflessly and consistently supported students as well as faculty. He kindheartedly and quickly aided anyone he observed in need, imparting his wisdom with a smile, and;

WHEREAS, Otis Ferrell found the importance in furthering his own education, as well, by obtaining a BS in Coaching and Sports Administration, a MS in Health and Human Performance, and a MS in Science Education - all from the University of Southern Mississippi, and;

WHEREAS, we, as coworkers and friends of Otis Ferrell, wish to extend our genuine appreciation for his educational contribution and service and extend our best wishes for a most happy and productive time of retirement with more time to enjoy spending with Jana, his wife of 38 years, traveling, fishing, spending time between Ocean Springs and New Orleans, and cultivating oysters off his beach in Belle Fountaine, and;

WHEREAS, the Jackson County School Board and Superintendent wishes to extend our sincere appreciation for these years of dedicated service, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that St. Martin Middle School recognizes and appreciates the dedication and service of Otis Ferrell and wishes him well in all future endeavors, and further that this resolution of Appreciation and Support be duly recorded in the minutes of the Jackson County School Board monthly meeting on this the 13th day of the month of July in the year of 2026.

Amy Peterson, Chair Woman

Lea Bailey, Secretary

William Collier, Board Member



Deanna Smith, Vice-ChairWoman

Stefanie Moran, Board Member

David Baggett, Superintendent

