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8 RECOGNIZING AIDAN OLIVIA MILLS ON HER SELECTION AS A
9 2018 YOUNG HERO OF ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to Aidan Olivia Mills on her
13 outstanding achievement of being selected as a 2018 Young Hero
14 of Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, the Young Heroes Program, presented by
16 Alabama Public Television, recognizes students in grades 9-12
17 who have excelled in academics, given of themselves through
18 public service, overcome adversity, or inspired others through
19 deeds and strength of character; and

20 WHEREAS, Aidan is an accomplished student at Hazel
21 Green High School in Hazel Green, Alabama, and her remarkable
22 spirit and selfless and caring nature are a tremendous source
23 of inspiration; she has demonstrated immense courage
24 throughout her life, from being airlifted to Huntsville
25 Hospital at the age of three after suffering a major seizure
26 that left her unresponsive, to later experiencing the tragedy

1 of losing a close friend in a bus accident while on a youth
2 ministry mission trip; and

3 WHEREAS, Aidan, at age 12, decided she wanted to
4 help parents who find themselves at a hospital under emergency
5 circumstances without the time to pack a bag of toiletries, so
6 she initiated the 13:13 Project, named for the Bible verse
7 from 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now these three remain: faith,
8 hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."; and

9 WHEREAS, Aidan began collecting toiletry items to
10 pack into "anchor bags" that were donated to the Huntsville
11 Hospital for Women and Children; the bags were named after
12 Hebrews 6:19, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul,
13 firm and secure."; and

14 WHEREAS, receiving support from local businesses and
15 through the involvement of her church, Mt. Zion Baptist, the
16 13:13 Project grew, and the organization began feeding parents
17 who were at the hospital with a sick or injured child after
18 Aidan sold shirts with the project logo to raise the money for
19 meal vouchers; so far the 13:13 Project has donated more than
20 \$3,000 to the Huntsville Hospital Foundation, giving Aidan's
21 project major donor status; and

22 WHEREAS, Aidan is regarded as a hero by her family
23 and friends for her unending enthusiasm, generosity, and
24 entrepreneurship in seeing a need through her own difficult
25 experiences and finding a way to make a difference in other's
26 lives; and

1 WHEREAS, among her many other achievements, Aidan
2 was honored as the Young Citizen of the Month by Community
3 Awareness for Youth, an organization sponsored by Rocket City
4 Broadcasting, the City of Huntsville, and Huntsville
5 Utilities, among other partners; and

6 WHEREAS, a worthy role model for countless young
7 Alabamians, Aidan espouses the meritorious characteristics of
8 the Young Heroes Program, and she is truly deserving of
9 special commendation and praise; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Aidan Olivia Mills is honored
12 and commended, and this resolution is offered to her in
13 highest tribute and with heartiest congratulations, as well as
14 with sincere best wishes for continued success in all future
15 endeavors.