

1 HJR396
2 193088-2
3 By Representative Mooney
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 13-MAR-18

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 RECOGNIZING ANDREW T. WALKER ON HIS SELECTION AS A
4 2018 YOUNG HERO OF ALABAMA.

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6 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
7 are herein proudly presented to Andrew T. Walker on his
8 outstanding achievement of being selected as a 2018 Young Hero
9 of Alabama; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Andrew is an accomplished senior at
16 Florence High School in Florence, Alabama, where he is a
17 member of the Technology Student Association; he has received
18 a judge's award and placed 2nd in 2013 and 6th in 2014 in the
19 state Vex Robotics competition; and in 2018, he placed 12th in
20 the Best Robotics Competition; and

21 WHEREAS, since the age of 7, Andrew has maintained
22 his goal to be an electrical engineer and toward this goal he
23 works in the 12 for Life program, a cooperative education
24 program supported by Southwire Company; 12 for Life helps
25 students gain extra motivation to finish 12 years of school

1 and to enjoy better lives; 2018 marks Andrew's 2nd year
2 working with the program and money made from his job is saved
3 in hopes of attending college; and

4 WHEREAS, Andrew is very active in his community,
5 volunteering at the Kiwanis Pancake Day, the local Ups and
6 Downs thrift store, and assisting with his school's supply
7 drive; he enjoys making new projects, discovering what makes
8 things work, and mastering how to replicate them himself; and

9 WHEREAS, unknown to many around Andrew are the
10 struggles he has had to overcome to achieve his many
11 accomplishments; he has undergone many surgeries relating to
12 the functioning of his kidneys and he continues to face daily
13 challenges with Tourette Syndrome, a neurological disorder
14 characterized by repetitive, stereotyped, involuntary
15 movements and vocalizations called tics; because of his
16 condition, Andrew has become an advocate for people suffering
17 from Tourette Syndrome; and

18 WHEREAS, Andrew is active with the Alpha Phi Alpha
19 fraternity service organization and attends workshops every
20 other Sunday; and

21 WHEREAS, those who know Andrew see him as an
22 inspiration for facing his obstacles, dismantling them,
23 figuring them out, and reconfiguring them for success; he is
24 admired for his perseverance and ingenuity in the face of
25 adversity; and

1 WHEREAS, a worthy role model for countless young
2 Alabamians, Andrew espouses the meritorious characteristics of
3 the Young Heroes Program, and he is truly deserving of special
4 commendation and praise; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Andrew T. Walker is honored
7 and commended, and this resolution is offered to him in
8 highest tribute and with heartiest congratulations, as well as
9 with sincere best wishes for continued success in all future
10 endeavors.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 20-MAR-18.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

21-MAR-18

Adopted