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COMMENDING THOMAS ALEXANDER SLUIS ON SUCCESS IN THE
2010 SPELLING BEE.

WHEREAS, it is with great pleasure that
commendations and congratulations are extended to an
outstanding young Alabamian, Thomas Alexander "T. A." Sluis,
on his success in the 2010 Montgomery County Spelling Bee; and

WHEREAS, a fifth grader at Trinity Presbyterian
School, he won the privilege of representing Trinity
Presbyterian School after competing against 23 other students
in grades five through eight, the first time a fifth grader
had won the school contest and progressed to the county level;
and

WHEREAS, he studied words of Latin, Greek, Spanish,
German, Asian, Dutch, Arabic, and other origins for more than
30 hours during the weeks before the contests, and his hard
work was rewarded when he finished sixth among approximately
30 participants; and

WHEREAS, among the words he spelled correctly were
newfangled, androcentric, rouge, sayonara, and alliteration,

1 before falling victim to salmonella, the word that eluded him;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, his impressive achievement at such a young
4 age bodes well for the future, and his loyal supporters look
5 forward to next year's competition; with his keen intellect
6 and commitment to excellence, Thomas Alexander Sluis is the
7 source of justifiable pride to his family, the school, and the
8 entire community; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Thomas Alexander Sluis is
11 honored and commended upon his success in the 2010 Montgomery
12 County Spelling Bee, and this resolution is offered in highest
13 tribute to him along with heartiest congratulations and best
14 wishes in future endeavors.