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8 COMMENDING THOMAS ALEXANDER SLUIS ON SUCCESS IN THE
9 2010 SPELLING BEE.

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

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

21 WHEREAS, he studied words of Latin, Greek, Spanish,
22 German, Asian, Dutch, Arabic, and other origins for more than
23 30 hours during the weeks before the contests, and his hard
24 work was rewarded when he finished sixth among approximately
25 30 participants; and

26 WHEREAS, among the words he spelled correctly were
27 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.