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3 By Representative Ford  
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8 COMMENDING GADSDEN AREA STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS IN YMCA  
9 YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in extending  
12 commendations and congratulations to several Gadsden area  
13 students who participated and excelled in their involvement in  
14 the 63rd annual YMCA Youth in Government Conference held in  
15 Montgomery, Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, the Alabama Youth Legislature is a program  
17 promoted and developed as a mock state government program for  
18 Alabama high school student delegates to experience numerous  
19 roles in the legislative process; it is procedurally designed  
20 as a replica of the Alabama Legislature, involving students in  
21 a complete experience as officers, leaders, lobbyists, pages,  
22 staff, and reporters; and

23 WHEREAS, during the 63rd annual conference, with  
24 over 350 youth participating, several Gadsden area students  
25 distinguished themselves by receiving awards that reflect  
26 honor upon the community and the entire State of Alabama; and

1                   WHEREAS, Amy Sims was selected as an alternate for  
2 participation in the YMCA National Affairs program to be  
3 conducted later this year; Damien Moyer passed his bill which  
4 limited the number of hours that school students could work  
5 during the week; Joseph Sanford received the service  
6 leadership award; and Brett Johnson received the Betty Carr  
7 Award, which was the first time an area student has received  
8 this award since 1997; and

9                   WHEREAS, the Youth Legislature is a worthy  
10 undertaking that lends itself to the study and discussion of  
11 important public affairs; and these area students are  
12 exceptionally accomplished young leaders who exhibit the  
13 inherent inquisitiveness, energy, ambition, and idealism of  
14 youth who seek not only the fulfillment of their own dreams of  
15 personal success, but are anxious to share a part of their  
16 talents and ability as their contribution toward the future of  
17 all Alabamians; now therefore,

18                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Amy Sims, Damien Moyer, Joseph  
20 Sanford, and Brett Johnson are honored and commended on their  
21 success during the 63rd annual YMCA Youth in Government  
22 Conference, and a copy of this resolution is offered in  
23 highest tribute to each of them along with heartiest  
24 congratulations and best wishes in future endeavors.