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8 COMMENDING BRIANA KINSEY ON BEING SELECTED MISS
9 HOOVER 2013.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly extended to Briana Kinsey on being selected
13 Miss Hoover 2013; and

14 WHEREAS, an accomplished student attending The
15 University of Alabama, where she is majoring in Biology and
16 Pre-Medical Studies, Miss Kinsey will compete as Miss Hoover
17 2013 in the Miss Alabama contest in June at Samford University
18 as part of the Miss America preliminaries; and

19 WHEREAS, through hard work, diligence, admirable
20 ambition, and a commitment to serve, the talented contestant
21 earned her esteemed title and the honor to compete in the
22 worthy program; and

23 WHEREAS, Miss Kinsey brings to the Miss America
24 competition her noble platform, "Daring to Defeat Diabetes,"
25 an outstanding initiative she started in 2011, which focuses
26 on providing awareness and education regarding diabetes

1 through advocacy, public speaking, and promotion of ways to
2 recognize and prevent the disease; and

3 WHEREAS, notably, Miss Kinsey has established Dance
4 Away Diabetes as a fundraiser for the American Diabetes
5 Association, developed a Diabetes Poster Contest for youth in
6 grades K-12, designed a Diabetes Awareness Patch for Girl
7 Scouts, volunteered as a camp counselor for Camp Sugar Falls,
8 and launched a Sugar Free Sweetheart Fashion Show and
9 Fundraiser for the SE Diabetes Education Services; she
10 volunteers for the Endocrinology Clinic in the Children's of
11 Alabama Hospital and is helping to promote a new specialty tag
12 for the Diabetes Clinic at Children's to help raise funds for
13 research and the treatment of children affected by the
14 disease; and

15 WHEREAS, Miss Kinsey is combining her skills in
16 public speaking and vocal performance to share her passion of
17 being a champion in the fight to stop diabetes; and

18 WHEREAS, Miss Kinsey's talents have shone in
19 previous Miss Alabama Pageants while competing as Miss
20 Birmingham, Miss Jefferson County's Outstanding Teen, and Miss
21 Birmingham's Outstanding Teen; she placed in the top 11 and
22 won talent and swimsuit preliminaries at Miss Alabama 2012;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, as a standout student at The University of
25 Alabama, Miss Kinsey has the distinction of being a
26 Presidential Scholar, a Tutwiler Scholar, and Blount
27 Undergraduate Initiative Student; and

1 WHEREAS, sponsored by the Miss America Organization,
2 the Miss Alabama Pageant awards college scholarships to
3 extraordinary young women, fosters high achievement and
4 involvement in the community and equips participants with
5 valuable life tools; and

6 WHEREAS, born and reared in Hoover, Alabama, Miss
7 Kinsey is the daughter of Dr. Velda Pugh Kinsey and Robert O.
8 Kinsey and the sister of Robert W. Kinsey; and

9 WHEREAS, Miss Kinsey is an exceptional role model
10 and displays the remarkable character and qualities espoused
11 by the Miss America Organization; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Briana Kinsey is highly
14 honored and commended for being selected Miss Hoover 2013, and
15 by copy of this resolution, we convey deepest admiration and
16 appreciation, along with best wishes in the Miss Alabama
17 Competition and in all future endeavors.