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3 By Representative Morrow
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING DEZIRAE WILBANKS FOR OUTSTANDING
9 ACHIEVEMENT AT CAMP COURAGE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that
12 Dezirae Wilbanks is recognized for her outstanding achievement
13 as a trailblazer at Camp Courage in October 2013 at Ivy Green,
14 the historic birthplace of Helen Keller, in Tuscumbia,
15 Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, Dezirae Wilbanks is an eight-year-old
17 second-grader at Threadgill Primary School and is among the
18 exceptional students selected to be members of the inaugural
19 session of Camp Courage, which encompassed educational,
20 social, and inspirational activities including arts and
21 crafts, music, drama, field trips, and discussions; and

22 WHEREAS, Dezirae Wilbanks is admired for an
23 entertaining and happy personality and enjoys riding
24 four-wheelers and eating munchies; and

25 WHEREAS, Camp Courage is an intensive, broad-based,
26 three-day program for visually impaired and hearing impaired
27 children between the ages of 7 and 14; the camp is sponsored

1 by the Helen Keller Birthplace Foundation and the American
2 Optometric Association Foundation, in conjunction with the
3 University of North Alabama and the University of Alabama at
4 Birmingham; and

5 WHEREAS, at a young age, Dezirae Wilbanks has earned
6 respect for her diligent pursuit of excellence, and she is
7 truly deserving of special recognition; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dezirae Wilbanks is hereby
10 most highly honored and commended, and this resolution is
11 offered with heartiest congratulations on her accomplishments
12 as a trailblazer at Camp Courage, along with best wishes for
13 continuing success far into the future.