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3 By Representative Morrow  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 16-JAN-14

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.