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3       By Senators Gudger, Reed, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley,  
4       Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,  
5       Figures, Givhan, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,  
6       McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,  
7       Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts,  
8       Waggoner, Whatley and Williams  
9       RFD:  
10      First Read: 06-MAY-21

CONGRATULATING EMEE BALDWIN ON BEING CROWNED MISS  
RIVER CITY 2020.

WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in  
congratulating Miss Emee Baldwin on being crowned Miss River  
City 2020; and

WHEREAS, the accomplished Houston, Alabama, native  
is a graduate of The University of Alabama in Huntsville with  
a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing; Miss Baldwin is  
privileged to be one of 43 women competing in the 2021 Miss  
Alabama contest to be held June 10-12 at the historic Alabama  
Theatre; and

WHEREAS, as a role model for young girls, Miss  
Baldwin has many scholastic and athletic honors, including The  
University of Alabama in Huntsville's College of Nursing  
Dean's List, Gold Award, Academic Excellence Award, UAH Pole  
Vault Athletic Scholarship, the Gulf South Conference's  
All-Academic Athlete, Addison High School Salutatorian,  
Alabama Youth Tour Delegate, National Collegiate Athletic  
Association Athlete, three-time Top Three Pole Vault Finisher

1 at the Gulf South Conference Championship; Multi-Sport State  
2 Champion in Volleyball and Pole Vaulting, two-time Pole Vault  
3 Alabama State Record Holder, and a Bryant-Jordan Scholar  
4 Athlete; and

5 WHEREAS, Miss Baldwin is a passionate advocate for  
6 patients' rights; her dear grandfather, Poppy, was diagnosed  
7 and hospitalized with COVID-19; due to hospital regulations  
8 during the pandemic, no visitors were allowed to see him; she  
9 was finally able to visit the day he passed away, but it was  
10 too late; knowing 10,000 Alabama families have been unable to  
11 visit their loved ones, Miss Baldwin did not want this to  
12 continue; she immediately and ardently began lobbying  
13 Alabama's Legislature to draft a bill that would allow  
14 patients and nursing home residents the right to have a  
15 familiar face in the room with them; she created a petition  
16 for Alabamians to sign that would guarantee this basic patient  
17 right; she created her social impact initiative, Poppy's  
18 Purpose, to ensure that patients and their loved ones would be  
19 safe during visits; she has raised over \$5,000 to provide  
20 masks and gloves for visitors in hospitals where needed; the  
21 Legislature passed House Bill 521, the Harold Sachs Act, named  
22 for her grandfather; and

23 WHEREAS, Miss Baldwin's future plans call for a  
24 career as a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner; she has only just  
25 begun her journey with patient advocacy; she plans to continue  
26 to bring awareness to the critical need for patients to have

1 advocates and to provide care and opportunities for every  
2 patient to understand the importance of holistic health; and

3 WHEREAS, with her compassion, strength of character,  
4 and determination forged in tragedy, Miss Baldwin possesses an  
5 inner grace and beauty that mirrors her external radiance; she  
6 is an exemplary Alabama citizen who demonstrates leadership  
7 qualities, skills, and talents bringing about effective change  
8 benefitting all Alabamians; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of her  
11 outstanding accomplishments, it is a privilege to commend and  
12 congratulate Miss Emee Baldwin on being selected Miss River  
13 City 2020, and by copy of this resolution we convey our  
14 congratulations, our highest esteem, and our best wishes for  
15 the future.