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SJR___ COMMENDING SPECIAL OLYMPICS GOLD MEDALIST, PRYCE WILTON HOLCOMBE, FOR OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, highest commendations are conveyed to Special Olympian, Pryce Wilton Holcombe of Florence, Alabama, for outstanding athletic achievements, including winning a Gold Medal at the 2023 Special Olympics World Games in Berlin, Germany; and

WHEREAS, Pryce Holcombe was born on April 19, 1997; despite being born with Down Syndrome and doctors predicting that he would never excel in athletics, Pryce persevered and has been playing golf since he was eight years old, having learned from his parents who both played at the collegiate level; he has been involved with the Special Olympics for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Pryce has played Special Olympics sports at the local level in basketball, bowling, track and field, and golf, the sport he is most passionate about; he thrice won the State Special Olympics Golf Tournament in Troy, Alabama, playing in the Unified 18 Hole Division with his father and teammate, Les Holcombe; the duo won the North American Special Olympics Golf Championship in Nashville, Tennessee, in 2019 and again in Seaview, New Jersey, in 2023; at the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando, Florida, Pryce took home a Silver Medal in the Unified 18 Hole Division; in

2023, Team Holcombe competed and won the Jacque Longshore Special Olympics Invitational at Lagoon Park in Montgomery, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2023, Pryce and Les Holcombe entered Berlin's Olympic Stadium for the Opening Ceremony, following in the footsteps of fellow Alabama Olympian, Jesse Owens, who won four Medals in the 1936 Games; Pryce, with teammate Les, the only Alabamians to compete in the 2023 Special Olympics World Games, left Berlin a champion with a Gold Medal for the Unified 18 Hole Division; upon returning home, Mayor Andrew Betterton presented Pryce with a key to the City of Florence; and

WHEREAS, Pryce Holcombe attended the University of North Alabama as part of the first Lion Buddies program class, a collaborative special education program for students with intellectual disabilities; after graduation, Pryce became employed at Foodland Grocery Store; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Pryce Wilton Holcombe is commended and congratulated for his outstanding contribution to Special Olympics and his many athletic achievements, including winning a Gold Medal at the 2023 Special Olympics World Games, and for his excellent representation of the State of Alabama; this resolution is offered to him as evidence of our high regard with best wishes for success in all his future endeavors.