HJR145

MBYT1HW-1

By Representatives Mooney, DuBose, Bedsole, Carns, Paschal, Hulsey, Ellis

RFD: RULES

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HJR____ COMMENDING BELLE CASEY FOR HER DEDICATION TO BRINGING AWARENESS OF ALS.

WHEREAS, highest commendations and heartiest congratulations are herein extended to Miss Belle Casey for her platform to raise awareness and support to defeat amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease; and

WHEREAS, Miss Casey, a junior at Oak Mountain High School, is currently Miss Historic Springville's Teen and Miss Shelby County's Outstanding Teen 2023; she actively promotes her platform of supporting the ALS community by working to bring awareness of the disease and encouraging others to be involved with the movement to defeat ALS; and

WHEREAS, over the past three years, she has raised over $5,000 through participating in the Walk to Defeat ALS, hosting and leading Twirl Away ALS Baton Camps, and partnering with the Birmingham Squadron Basketball Team, where a portion of the ticket sales were donated to the ALS Association Alabama Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Miss Casey's first-hand experience with the disease inspired her platform to defeat ALS; her cousin has battled ALS for over 10 years and is wheelchair bound but has always maintained a positive outlook on life; she is the motivation behind Belle Casey's advocacy to raise money for

research to find better treatments to fight this debilitating disease; and

WHEREAS, Belle Casey, a competitive baton twirler, aspires to promote the baton camp that she started in 2021, Twirl Away ALS, on the state and national level in order to bring awareness of ALS and raise funds to support research and inspire others to volunteer to fight ALS; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Belle Casey is highly honored and commended for her work to raise awareness and support to defeat ALS, and this resolution is offered to her in deepest admiration and appreciation for her work toward raising support and awareness to defeat ALS, along with sincere best wishes for all future endeavors.