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HR\_\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING MR. MATTHEW CALEB HESS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING  
ADVOCACY AND COMMITMENT TO INCREASING AWARENESS OF TYPE 1  
DIABETES.

WHEREAS, in a desire to acknowledge and commend young  
Alabamians who have overcome great adversity to achieve  
exceptional accomplishments, it is with great pride and  
pleasure that Mr. Matthew Caleb Hess of Birmingham, Alabama,  
is recognized for his efforts to raise awareness within the  
community about Type 1 Diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Hess is 18 years old and currently a  
senior at Briarwood Christian School; he was diagnosed with  
Type 1 Diabetes (T1D), a lifelong autoimmune disease  
requiring daily insulin therapy and careful blood sugar  
management, at the age of eight; and

WHEREAS, Matthew has confronted T1D with a remarkable  
sense of ownership and resilience; with the support of his  
family, he has learned to manage his health proactively, and  
through his firsthand experience with the daily challenges  
of the disease, he has developed deep empathy for those  
newly diagnosed as well as for individuals who have endured  
the condition for decades; and

WHEREAS, Matthew understands the demanding and  
unrelenting nature of T1D, and from that understanding, he  
has become a dedicated advocate, using his personal



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29 experience to educate others and promote early awareness in  
30 order to help prevent serious complications; and

31 WHEREAS, Matthew has served as a Youth Ambassador,  
32 Children's Congress Delegate, and One Walk Team Captain with  
33 Breakthrough T1D, and he works closely with individuals and  
34 families as they navigate the profound life changes that  
35 follow a diagnosis; through meaningful one-on-one  
36 relationships, he offers guidance, reassurance, and  
37 friendship grounded in lived experience, ensuring that no  
38 one he encounters must face T1D alone; and

39 WHEREAS, in addition to personal outreach, Matthew  
40 advocates publicly through fundraising initiatives, speaking  
41 engagements, and legislative advocacy, including  
42 participation in One Walks and One Night Galas, as well as  
43 meeting with congressional staff from the offices of members  
44 of the United States Congress; and

45 WHEREAS, Matthew Hess has grown through his journey  
46 with Type 1 Diabetes into a leader who leads by example,  
47 demonstrating that Type 1 Diabetes does not define a person  
48 but is simply one part of their story; and

49 WHEREAS, indeed, Matthew Hess is deserving of the  
50 highest commendation for his unwavering dedication to  
51 raising awareness and funding for Type 1 Diabetes research,  
52 and his accomplishments bring great credit to himself, his  
53 family, his community, and the State of Alabama; now  
54 therefore,

55 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
56 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mr. Matthew Caleb Hess is



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57 hereby most highly commended and congratulated for his  
58 outstanding advocacy and dedication to increasing awareness  
59 of Type 1 Diabetes, and this resolution is presented to him  
60 as a lasting tribute to his exemplary character and  
61 achievements.