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8 COMMENDING ELLEN HARDY ON BEING SELECTED MISS CAHABA
9 VALLEY 2014.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly extended to Ellen Hardy, a native of
13 Anniston, Alabama, on her outstanding achievement of being
14 selected Miss Cahaba Valley 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Hardy
16 and the sister of Mr. David Hardy, she is an accomplished
17 senior at Samford University, where she will graduate in May
18 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theatre and Dance; she will
19 compete as Miss Cahaba Valley 2014 in the Miss Alabama contest
20 in June at Samford University as part of the Miss America
21 preliminaries; and

22 WHEREAS, through hard work, diligence, admirable
23 ambition, and a commitment to serve, the talented contestant
24 earned her esteemed title and the honor to compete in the
25 worthy program; and

26 WHEREAS, Miss Hardy brings to the Miss America
27 competition her noble platform, "R.A.L.D.: Raising Awareness

1 of Learning Disabilities," through which she imparts the
2 importance of understanding how learning occurs in the mind
3 and raises awareness about learning disabilities by
4 emphasizing the fact that every brain is unique; she stresses
5 that there are many resources available to accommodate a
6 student with a learning disability; she relates to the pivotal
7 issue of raising awareness for learning disabilities, as she
8 has NVLD, a nonverbal learning disorder, and has attained
9 considerable academic success; she has been diligently working
10 on her platform since 2011; and

11 WHEREAS, she will perform ballet en pointe to Alan
12 Menken's "Kindgom Dance" for the talent portion of the
13 competition; and

14 WHEREAS, sponsored by the Miss America Organization,
15 the Miss Alabama Pageant awards college scholarships to
16 extraordinary young women, fosters high achievement and
17 involvement in the community and equips participants with
18 valuable life tools; and

19 WHEREAS, an academic standout, Miss Hardy has
20 achieved the Dean's List at Samford University; and

21 WHEREAS, Miss Hardy is an exceptional role model and
22 displays the remarkable character and qualities espoused by
23 the Miss America Organization; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Ellen Hardy is highly honored
26 and commended for being selected Miss Cahaba Valley 2014, and
27 by copy of this resolution, we convey deepest admiration and

1 appreciation, along with best wishes in the Miss Alabama
2 Competition and in all future endeavors.