

1 HJR279
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3 By Representatives Fridy and Weaver
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 12-APR-16

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING MARY GRACE LONG ON HER SELECTION AS THE
4 2016 DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMAN OF ALABAMA.

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6 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
7 are herein proudly presented to Mary Grace Long on her
8 outstanding achievement of being selected as the 2016
9 Distinguished Young Woman of Alabama; and

10 WHEREAS, Mary Grace Long's talents, character,
11 intelligence, poise, and grace shone in the county and state
12 competitions of the Distinguished Young Woman Program; and

13 WHEREAS, since its founding in 1958, Distinguished
14 Young Women, the largest and oldest national scholarship
15 program for high school girls, has provided life-changing
16 experiences for more than 740,000 young women across the
17 country and more than \$104 million in class scholarships at
18 the local, state, and national levels; those remarkable
19 individuals who engage in the program gain invaluable life
20 skills, friendships, and increased self-confidence; and

21 WHEREAS, Mary Grace Long was named the 2016
22 Distinguished Young Woman of Shelby County in July 2015 before
23 advancing to the state competition and earning selection as
24 the 2016 Distinguished Young Woman of Alabama; and

1 WHEREAS, Miss Long will advance to the 59th Annual
2 Distinguished Young Woman national finals in Mobile in June
3 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, Miss Long is an accomplished senior at
5 Evangel Classical Christian School whose record of excellence
6 includes serving as ECCS Girl's State Representative, SGA
7 Rhetoric School Vice President, SGA freshman, sophomore, and
8 junior class officer, FBCA Pod Leader, a Beta Club
9 representative, ECCS Senior Yearbook editor, a Rhetoric Math
10 Tutor, and Children's Church teacher, earning the Diligence
11 and Determination Character Awards, status as Pro Meritos in
12 Latin, Honors Algebra II, and Physics, the Best Debate Award,
13 and two All-Star Dance Titles, and standing first in
14 Literature, Bible, and Precalculus; and

15 WHEREAS, her worthy affiliations include Alabaster
16 Teen Council, which she serves as PR Chair; National Beta
17 Club; SGA; National Junior Classical League; National Society
18 of High School Scholars; Caroline's Cart; ECCS Missions Club;
19 Dancing Diamonds; Grace House Ministry; and Operation
20 Christmas Child; she plans to attend Auburn University in fall
21 2016; and

22 WHEREAS, Miss Long is a role model who espouses the
23 meritorious qualities of the Distinguished Young Woman
24 Program; her achievements reflect immense credit upon the

1 entire State of Alabama, and she is truly deserving of the
2 significant honor bestowed upon her; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mary Grace Long is honored and
5 commended, and this resolution is offered to her in highest
6 tribute, along with congratulations and sincere best wishes
7 for the 59th Annual Distinguished Young Woman National Finals
8 in June 2016.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 13-APR-16.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

20-APR-16

Adopted