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8 COMMENDING MARY GRACE LONG ON HER SELECTION AS THE
9 2016 DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMAN OF ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to Mary Grace Long on her
13 outstanding achievement of being selected as the 2016
14 Distinguished Young Woman of Alabama; and

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

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

1 WHEREAS, Mary Grace Long was named the 2016
2 Distinguished Young Woman of Shelby County in July 2015 before
3 advancing to the state competition and earning selection as
4 the 2016 Distinguished Young Woman of Alabama; and

5 WHEREAS, Miss Long will advance to the 59th Annual
6 Distinguished Young Woman national finals in Mobile in June
7 2016; and

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

19 WHEREAS, her worthy affiliations include Alabaster
20 Teen Council, which she serves as PR Chair; National Beta
21 Club; SGA; National Junior Classical League; National Society
22 of High School Scholars; Caroline's Cart; ECCS Missions Club;
23 Dancing Diamonds; Grace House Ministry; and Operation
24 Christmas Child; she plans to attend Auburn University in fall
25 2016; and

1 WHEREAS, Miss Long is a role model who espouses the
2 meritorious qualities of the Distinguished Young Woman
3 Program; her achievements reflect immense credit upon the
4 entire State of Alabama, and she is truly deserving of the
5 significant honor bestowed upon her; now therefore,

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