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8 COMMENDING EIGHT-YEAR-OLD LAURYN OLIVIA LEONARD OF
9 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, ON PLACING EIGHTH IN THE DRIVE, CHIP AND
10 PUTT NATIONAL FINALS AT THE AUGUSTA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB IN
11 APRIL 2016.

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13 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
14 are herein proudly presented to eight-year-old Lauryn Olivia
15 Leonard of Montgomery, Alabama, on her outstanding achievement
16 of placing eighth in the Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals
17 at the Augusta National Golf Club on April 3, 2016; and

18 WHEREAS, the accomplished daughter of Quincy and
19 Tish Leonard of East Montgomery, the owners of Cupcakes by
20 Tish, Lauryn was among the nation's top 80 junior golfers to
21 represent 30 states and two Canadian provinces in the Drive,
22 Chip and Putt National Finals and had the utmost distinction
23 of being the only girl from the State of Alabama to compete in
24 the prestigious tournament; and

25 WHEREAS, Lauryn's remarkable journey to the DCP
26 National Finals began with her age division win at the DCP
27 Local Qualifier in Smyrna, Tennessee, on June 10, 2015; she

1 then advanced to the DCP Sub-Regional Qualifier in Knoxville,
2 Tennessee, where she also won her age division and qualified
3 for the Regional Qualifier held in Louisville, Kentucky, at
4 the renowned Valhalla Golf Course; and

5 WHEREAS, on September 12, 2015, Lauryn won her age
6 division at Valhalla on the strength of her chipping and
7 putting skills and earned the honor of being a 2016 DCP
8 National Finalist; her father and golf coach, Quincy, lauded
9 her efforts in the following manner: "Lauryn was born a golf
10 champion and is gifted with natural golf instincts; she has
11 excellent fundamentals and grasps them well-her putting and
12 chipping skills are the strongest areas of her game; the best
13 part is that she loves to play the game which makes my job
14 easier as her coach/dad;" and

15 WHEREAS, Lauryn is currently a third grade student
16 at Blount Elementary School; she developed a passion for golf
17 at age three when she first began playing the game with her
18 father and then five-year-old brother, Quincy Ahlias Leonard;
19 since the age of six, she has enjoyed playing tournament golf
20 through various youth golf tours like US Kids Golf (USKG); she
21 has accumulated more than 12 tournament wins and has earned
22 USKG Player of the Year status; and

23 WHEREAS, Lauryn Olivia Leonard is a one-of-a-kind
24 athlete whose determination, effort, heart, and enthusiasm for
25 the game inspire countless others to also give their very all;
26 and

1 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of this remarkable
2 young golfer reflect immense credit upon the entire State of
3 Alabama, and she is truly deserving of special recognition;
4 now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
6 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Lauryn Olivia Leonard is
7 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to her
8 in highest tribute, along with sincere best wishes for
9 continued success in all future endeavors.