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8 RECOGNIZING MEREDITH ANNAN, NOAH FONDREN, KYA
9 EVANGELINE QVALE, RICKY C.H. REYNOLDS, AND KATELYN OLIVIA
10 RICHARD ON THEIR SELECTION AS 2017 YOUNG HEROS OF ALABAMA.
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12 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
13 are herein proudly presented to Meredith Annan, Noah Fondren,
14 Kya Evangeline Qvale, Ricky C.H. Reynolds, and Katelyn Olivia
15 Richard on their outstanding achievement of being selected as
16 2017 Young Heroes of Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, the Young Heroes Program, presented by
18 Alabama Public Television, recognizes students in grades 9-12
19 who have excelled in academics, given of themselves through
20 public service, overcome adversity, or inspired others through
21 deeds and strength of character; and

22 WHEREAS, Meredith is an accomplished student at
23 Robertsdale High School in Robertsdale, Alabama, whose
24 remarkable work ethic, community service, club participation,
25 job dedication, and high G.P.A., combined with her selfless
26 and caring nature, are a tremendous source of inspiration; she
27 has demonstrated immense courage while providing loving care

1 for her mother and grandmother, both of whom suffered
2 debilitating, chronic diseases; Meredith, at age 11, became
3 the youngest in her family to face the ravages of rheumatoid
4 arthritis; Meredith's mother, who had received her own
5 diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis at age 18, developed
6 polymyositis, another autoimmune disorder, and again, Meredith
7 provided loving care for her invalid mother; and

8 WHEREAS, Noah is an accomplished senior at Cullman
9 High School whose courage, faith, and determination are a
10 tremendous source of credit; he has demonstrated immense
11 strength during his arduous battle in overcoming Anorexia
12 nervosa and self-image and self-esteem issues; he credits his
13 faith in God with delivering him from his life-altering
14 struggles, and he encourages others facing hard situations to
15 trust God to slay their giants with them; a standout member of
16 the school's baseball team, Noah has played in three state
17 championships and was named MVP of the state finals series
18 during his sophomore year; he has signed a letter of intent to
19 play baseball at The University of Alabama; and

20 WHEREAS, Kya is an accomplished senior at Sparkman
21 High School in Harvest, Alabama, whose vivaciousness, courage,
22 and indomitable spirit are an inspiration to all who know her;
23 she has not let her disability or the hardships faced by her
24 and her family impede her success; despite being born without
25 fully developed arms, Kya drives, types her school
26 assignments, and emails them to her teachers; active in school
27 affairs, she is on the staff of Sparkman's literary magazine,

1 Silhouette, and has served as an assistant stage manager in
2 the school's drama department; she was Project Manager for
3 Spark Industry Robotics, a student-led simulated workforce;
4 she has contributed her time and talents as a member of the
5 planing committee and volunteer for the Sparkman Arts Festival
6 and regularly volunteers at a local food pantry; Kya has cared
7 for her younger siblings while her parents worked long hours;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Ricky is an accomplished senior at Lee High
10 School in Huntsville, Alabama, whose resilience, character,
11 and ambition are a tremendous source of admiration; he has
12 risen above numerous disadvantages and life struggles with
13 grace and optimism; taken from his birth mother, he was
14 labeled as a crack baby and was placed in the child welfare
15 system; his adoptive mother, who was disabled, passed away as
16 he finished his junior year of high school; deciding to stay
17 with Pastor David Lee and his family, in Huntsville, Alabama,
18 Ricky has flourished at Lee High School where he has earned
19 status as a top student, made numerous friends, and engaged in
20 rewarding extracurricular activities; he is a standout member
21 of the school's Theatre Performance Magnet and has acted in
22 the notable roles of Seaweed in Hairspray and Audrey II in
23 Little Shop of Horrors; he earned recognition for "Best
24 Theatrical Performance" by his peers in 2013; a class
25 favorite, Ricky is known for his polite and charming
26 disposition, humility, and unwavering commitment to
27 excellence; and

1 WHEREAS, active in the community, Katelyn serves as
2 a Relay for Life volunteer and team member, advocates race
3 relations advancements as a Youth Ambassador for the
4 Birmingham Pledge, and reads to primary school children for
5 the Birmingham Read Program; she has organized teen volunteers
6 for Grace House Ministries Benefits; an accomplished student
7 at Hoover High School, she is a member of the Diversity Club,
8 the Future Business Leaders of America, the Multi-Cultural
9 Club, and Undivided, a Christian student fellowship; she
10 earned the Finley Award for Outstanding Character, Hoover High
11 School's highest honor, in both her freshman and junior years;
12 she has used her gymnastics, tumbling, and cheerleading
13 background to help her family by serving as a private tutor
14 and instructor at several gyms; Katelyn is known for her kind,
15 selfless, and generous spirit; and

16 WHEREAS, worthy role models for countless young
17 Alabamians, Meredith Annan, Noah Fondren, Kya Evangeline
18 Qvale, Ricky C.H. Reynolds, and Katelyn Olivia Richard espouse
19 the meritorious characteristics of the Young Heroes Program,
20 and they are truly deserving of special commendation and
21 praise; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Meredith Annan, Noah Fondren,
24 Kya Evangeline Qvale, Ricky C.H. Reynolds, and Katelyn Olivia
25 Richard are honored and commended, and this resolution is
26 offered to them in highest tribute and with heartiest

1 congratulations, as well as in sincere best wishes for
2 continued success in all future endeavors.