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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MADELYN ANN MCCLENDON AND  
HER FIGHT AGAINST OVARIAN CANCER.

WHEREAS, we celebrate the life of Miss Madelyn  
"Maddie" Ann McClendon, who was born on July 12, 2002, to Mark  
and Chris McClendon; she was a bright young girl, hilariously  
entertaining, smart, and devout in her faith; and

WHEREAS, Maddie grew up in Dadeville, Alabama, and  
attended Lee Scott Academy, where she excelled as a student  
and as an athlete: Maddie was captain of the varsity cheer  
squad during her senior year, a member of the softball team  
and track team, and represented her class as one of two junior  
maids on the homecoming court; Maddie graduated from high  
school in May of 2020, and enrolled at Auburn University in  
the fall, where she joined the Pi Beta Phi Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Maddie and her family are members of the  
First Baptist Church of Dadeville, Alabama, where Maddie  
taught Sunday School for the past five years; she went on  
several mission trips, including a trip to Olanchito,

1 Honduras, where she was the first to climb the mountain to a  
2 village after an eight-mile hike; and

3 WHEREAS, in October of 2020, Maddie was diagnosed  
4 with small cell carcinoma of the ovary, hypercalcemic type  
5 (SCCOHT), a highly rare and aggressive type of cancer;  
6 however, the diagnosis did not deter young Maddie; she fought  
7 gracefully and ferociously while clinging steadfastly to her  
8 Christian faith; and

9 WHEREAS, the testimony of Maddie's life and brave  
10 fight inspired and brought together her entire community;  
11 members of almost a dozen different churches joined together  
12 one night in prayer and worship for Maddie; several members of  
13 the community reflected that in their fight for and with  
14 Maddie, they prayed together as a family for the first time;  
15 others were taught to pray; and

16 WHEREAS, on the 8th of May 2021, Madelyn Ann  
17 McClendon was eternally healed when God called her home; the  
18 18- year-old, who passed away on World Ovarian Cancer Day,  
19 continued to raise awareness of this terrible disease even on  
20 the day of her death; and

21 WHEREAS, the fight Maddie and her family fought  
22 against this rare and aggressive cancer has not been in vain;  
23 raising awareness of ovarian cancer is the key to finding a  
24 cure; however, because it is so difficult to diagnose, this  
25 body must work diligently to increase accessibility for women  
26 to receive screenings; and

1           WHEREAS, Maddie leaves behind her parents, Mark and  
2 Chris McClendon; her siblings, Carson, Kaylyn, and Lindsey;  
3 her grandmother, June McClendon; her grandfather, Larry Petty;  
4 her niece, Scarlett; her nephew, Hudson; several aunts,  
5 uncles, and cousins; and a small town that embraced and loved  
6 her and her family very much; Maddie has made an everlasting  
7 impression on everyone she has ever met, and her positivity  
8 and faithfulness have been beyond impactful; Maddie was a ray  
9 of light in a dark situation and her light continues to shine  
10 on through those she loved and those who continue to fight the  
11 same battle she so valiantly fought; and

12           WHEREAS, thanks to Maddie and her family, the search  
13 for viable ovarian cancer screening and treatment options will  
14 continue; ultimately, Maddie's fight was victorious; she  
15 fought the good fight, she finished the race, she kept the  
16 faith, and she is now embraced by the arms of her Savior; her  
17 legacy will continue to be a light in the hearts of hundreds  
18 of people and in the hope of those who share her diagnosis;  
19 now therefore,

20           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the life of Madelyn Ann  
22 McClendon and the fight she waged against ovarian cancer is  
23 celebrated with the highest honor, and this resolution is  
24 offered in highest tribute, along with heartfelt sympathy to  
25 her family, whose grief is shared by many.