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HJR\_\_\_ HONORING NORTH ALABAMA STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN  
THE 2023 AMERICAN ROCKETRY CHALLENGE NATIONAL FINALS.

WHEREAS, the American Rocketry Challenge, sponsored  
by the Aerospace Industries Association, the National  
Association of Rocketry, and more than 20 industry partners,  
is the world's largest student rocketry competition; 100  
teams representing 27 states competed at the National Finals  
held at Great Meadow in The Plains, Virginia, on May 20,  
2023; and

WHEREAS, Alabama had nine teams from eight schools  
competing in the National Finals: Bob Jones High School,  
Haleyville High School, West Morgan High School, Winfield  
City High School, Hackleburg High School, Tharptown High  
School, Lawrence County High School, and two teams from St.  
John Paul II Catholic High School; and

WHEREAS, the top 25 finishers in the contest earn a  
place in NASA's Student Launch Initiative; four Alabama  
teams placed in the top 25: Tharptown High School earned 2nd  
place; St. John Paul II Catholic High School's Team 2, 3rd  
place; Hackleburg High School, 16th place; and Lawrence  
County High School, 23rd place; and

WHEREAS, the 2nd place winner, Tharptown High School  
of Russellville, earned \$15,000 for the participating  
students and \$1,000 for the school; Tharptown High School



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29 placed in the top ten in 2022; the talented students are  
30 Captain Angie Chavez, Captain Kylee Beard, Angel Garcia,  
31 Shyla Martinez, Adrionna Ashley, Isabella Hall, and Addison  
32 Mardis; the team sponsors are Marsha Inmon and Arianna  
33 Orozco; and

34 WHEREAS, the 3rd place winner, St. John Paul II  
35 Catholic High School of Huntsville, earned \$12,500 for the  
36 participating students and \$1,000 for the school; St. John  
37 Paul II Catholic High School returned to the National Finals  
38 for the first time since 2018 and had two teams competing  
39 this year; the talented students are Captain Catherine Hare,  
40 Captain Sophia Damen, Zoey Jones, Katie Lowe, Julian Lowe,  
41 Alex Dobbins, and Victoria Quintero; the team sponsors are  
42 Brian Finzel and Duane Meyer; and

43 WHEREAS, the teams' accomplishments follow months of  
44 preparation designing, building, and testing a rocket  
45 capable of meeting the rigorous mission parameters set by  
46 the contest's sponsors; now therefore,

47 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
48 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the nine teams of  
49 hardworking students from the State of Alabama who  
50 participated in the American Rocketry Challenge 2023  
51 National Finals are highly commended for their great  
52 accomplishments and achievements, with four teams placing in  
53 the top 25 and two in the top five, and this resolution is  
54 offered to them, along with their teachers, administrators,  
55 and parents who supported them, as evidence of our high



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56 regard and with sincere best wishes for all future  
57 endeavors.