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HJR___ COMMENDING MISS CHRISTINE JOHNSON FOR WINNING THE
2023 AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA ORATORICAL
COMPETITION.

WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
are herein proudly presented to Miss Christine Johnson for
winning the 2023 American Legion Department of Alabama
Oratorical Contest, "A U.S. Constitutional Speech Contest,"
in Montgomery, Alabama, on March 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Oratorical Contest
exists to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation for
the U.S. Constitution among high school students; the
American Legion's Department of Alabama awards the
scholarships, which can be used at any college or university
in the United States; high school students under 20 years of
age are eligible to make a submission; the competition
begins at the post level and advances to a state
competition, and on to a national competition, with three
top finishers; and

WHEREAS, each contestant must give an eight to 10
minute prepared oration followed by an assigned topic; the
oration must be on some aspect of the Constitution, with
emphasis on a citizen's duties and obligations to our
government; the assigned topic is then drawn during the
contest and must not consume less than three minutes nor



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29 more than five minutes for delivery; and

30 WHEREAS, Miss Johnson won the local post level hosted
31 by Post 229 in Madison, Alabama, the District 12 level, the
32 Division 1 level, and the Alabama state competition; Miss
33 Johnson's prepared oration was titled, "Defending the
34 Constitution to Keep Our Freedoms"; her assigned topic was
35 "Amendment XIV, Section 1"; Miss Johnson bested out of the
36 two divisions in the state to win the top prize of the
37 competition: a \$2,500 scholarship; and

38 WHEREAS, Miss Johnson will represent Alabama in the
39 2023 National High School Oratorical Contest Finals in
40 Indianapolis, Indiana, from April 21st to 23rd; more than 53
41 high school youths from across the country will deliver
42 prepared speeches on the U.S. Constitution with a chance to
43 win the top prize of the competition: a \$25,000 scholarship;
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45 WHEREAS, Miss Johnson is a 12th grade homeschooler;
46 her school speech curriculum last year, with guidance from
47 multiple teachers and support from her family, helped
48 prepare her for this competition; now therefore,

49 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
50 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That our highest commendations
51 are herein proudly conveyed to Miss Christine Johnson on her
52 success in winning the 2023 American Legion Department of
53 Alabama Oratorical Contest, along with our sincere best
54 wishes in all future endeavors.