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HJR___ COMMENDING JOSHUA WORTHAM FOR BEING SELECTED AS ONE OF ALABAMA PUBLIC TELEVISION'S YOUNG HEROES OF ALABAMA FOR 2023.

WHEREAS, with very special pleasure, we highly commend James Clemens High School senior, Joshua Wortham, for being named one of Alabama Public Television's Young Heroes of Alabama for 2023; and

WHEREAS, Joshua has a 4.04 grade point average, was selected to represent the United States at the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates and for the International Youth Leadership Peace Summit, and has been published in an international Educational Peace Journal; and

WHEREAS, Joshua has been a member of his school's band for all four years of high school; he received the Freshman Musicianship Award and the Junior Service Award; furthermore, he has earned multiple awards and distinctions in music and band, including becoming a member of the All-State Band, All-State Orchestra, Honor Bands at several universities, and Superiors at Solo and Ensemble; he is also a pianist for his high school mixed choir; he served as a counselor for his band's summer music camp and as a youth



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26 intern for the Madison City Youth Orchestra, served in the
27 Student Government Association, and was inducted into the
28 National Honor Society; and

29 WHEREAS, serving his community in many ways, Joshua
30 started his own bakery, Peaceful Pastries and Sweets, when
31 he was only 10-years-old in order to pay his way to
32 Peacebuilder's Camp; his bakery grew into a full-fledged,
33 licensed LLC and now serves multiple cities in North
34 Alabama; as a result of his success in business, he earned
35 the Youth Entrepreneur of the Year Award in Alabama; he
36 donates cookies to local nonprofits, as well as through his
37 Coexist with Cookies campaign for mental health advocacy; he
38 also volunteers as a fill-in pianist and trumpet player for
39 area churches and organizations; and

40 WHEREAS, through the years, Joshua's family has
41 unfortunately experienced various medical catastrophes, such
42 as one of his brothers being diagnosed with HSP Renal and
43 another one of his brothers being born with Global Cerebral
44 Atrophy and other special needs; during freshman year,
45 Joshua suffered a medical emergency during algebra class,
46 and within hours, he was in the emergency room and diagnosed
47 with a brain tumor; he underwent major brain surgery at
48 Vanderbilt Medical Center to remove a colloid cyst in his
49 left ventricle; and

50 WHEREAS, Joshua's long list of achievements and the



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51 many challenges that he faced help shape him into a humble,
52 determined, and compassionate person; for his service and
53 commitment to his family, community, and school, he has been
54 recognized by Alabama Public Television as one of its five
55 Young Heroes of Alabama for 2023; now therefore,

56 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
57 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Joshua Wortham is highly
58 commended for being named one of Alabama Public Television's
59 Young Heroes of Alabama for 2023, and we hereby dedicate
60 this resolution to him with warmest appreciation,
61 admiration, and regard.