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HR___ RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 11, 2024, AS STOMPING OUT ALS DAY
AND COMMENDING EMMA TERRY FOR HER EFFORTS TOWARD ALS
AWARENESS.

WHEREAS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a
progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve
cells in the brain and spinal cord; and

WHEREAS, the life expectancy following diagnosis of
ALS is between two and five years, and it occurs throughout
the world with no racial, ethnic, gender, or socioeconomic
boundaries; the cause of ALS is unknown in up to 90 percent
of cases; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that tens of thousands of
individuals in the United States have ALS at any given time,
and it is estimated that the number of ALS cases around the
world is expected to increase by 70 percent between 2015 and
2040; and

WHEREAS, the majority of individuals with ALS die of
respiratory failure, and currently there is no cure for ALS;
Emma Terry, Miss Jefferson County and the first runner-up in
the 2023 Miss Alabama Pageant, has made it her platform and
mission to increase awareness of the urgent need to develop
new treatments for ALS; and

WHEREAS, Miss Terry's first-hand experience with the
disease inspired her platform for Miss Alabama, Stomping Out



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29 ALS One Step at a Time; during the summers, she assists her
30 grandmother in caring for her grandfather, who is bedridden
31 with ALS; and

32 WHEREAS, Miss Terry believes that a Stomping Out ALS
33 Day in Alabama will bring awareness of this disease and
34 encourage others to get involved in the movement to defeat
35 ALS; she has chosen February 11th as a day of recognition
36 because it is her grandfather's birthday; she is inspired by
37 him, his resilience, and his ongoing battle with ALS; and

38 WHEREAS, Miss Terry encourages people to take small
39 steps to defeat ALS by donating to ALS fundraisers, taking
40 part in social media challenges, and participating in the
41 Walk to Defeat ALS; now therefore,

42 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
43 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we commend Miss Emma Terry for
44 her efforts toward ALS awareness, and we recognize February
45 11, 2024, as Stomping out ALS Day in the State of Alabama
46 and commend its observance to all citizens.