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SJR___ COMMENDING SPECIAL OLYMPICS GOLD MEDALIST, PRYCE WILTON HOLCOMBE, FOR OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, highest commendations are conveyed to Special Olympian, Pryce Wilton Holcombe of Florence, Alabama, for outstanding athletic achievements, including winning a Gold Medal at the 2023 Special Olympics World Games in Berlin, Germany; and

WHEREAS, Pryce Holcombe was born on April 19, 1997; despite being born with Down Syndrome and doctors predicting that he would never excel in athletics, Pryce persevered and has been playing golf since he was eight years old, having learned from his parents who both played at the collegiate level; he has been involved with the Special Olympics for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Pryce has played Special Olympics sports at the local level in basketball, bowling, track and field, and golf, the sport he is most passionate about; he thrice won the State Special Olympics Golf Tournament in Troy, Alabama, playing in the Unified 18 Hole Division with his father and teammate, Les Holcombe; the duo won the North American Special Olympics Golf Championship in Nashville, Tennessee, in 2019 and again in Seaview, New Jersey, in 2023; at the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando, Florida, Pryce took home a Silver Medal in the Unified 18 Hole Division; in



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29 2023, Team Holcombe competed and won the Jacque Longshore
30 Special Olympics Invitational at Lagoon Park in Montgomery,
31 Alabama; and

32 WHEREAS, on June 17, 2023, Pryce and Les Holcombe
33 entered Berlin's Olympic Stadium for the Opening Ceremony,
34 following in the footsteps of fellow Alabama Olympian, Jesse
35 Owens, who won four Medals in the 1936 Games; Pryce, with
36 teammate Les, the only Alabamians to compete in the 2023
37 Special Olympics World Games, left Berlin a champion with a
38 Gold Medal for the Unified 18 Hole Division; upon returning
39 home, Mayor Andrew Betterton presented Pryce with a key to
40 the City of Florence; and

41 WHEREAS, Pryce Holcombe attended the University of
42 North Alabama as part of the first Lion Buddies program
43 class, a collaborative special education program for
44 students with intellectual disabilities; after graduation,
45 Pryce became employed at Foodland Grocery Store; now
46 therefore,

47 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
48 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Pryce Wilton Holcombe is
49 commended and congratulated for his outstanding contribution
50 to Special Olympics and his many athletic achievements,
51 including winning a Gold Medal at the 2023 Special Olympics
52 World Games, and for his excellent representation of the
53 State of Alabama; this resolution is offered to him as
54 evidence of our high regard with best wishes for success in
55 all his future endeavors.