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4 HJR\_\_\_ HONORING MISS PRESTLEY SKELTON FOR WINNING  
5 THE 2025 AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA ORATORICAL  
6 COMPETITION.  
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8 WHEREAS, we proudly congratulate Miss Prestley  
9 Skelton for winning the 2025 American Legion Department of  
10 Alabama Oratorical Contest, held in Montgomery, Alabama, on  
11 March 22, 2025; and

12 WHEREAS, Miss Skelton is an 11th-grade student at  
13 Jasper High School, where her speech curriculum, guidance  
14 from her teachers, and family support have played a key role  
15 in her success; and

16 WHEREAS, the American Legion Oratorical Contest aims  
17 to enhance students' knowledge of the U.S. Constitution,  
18 offering scholarships that can be applied at colleges  
19 nationwide; the competition starts at the post level,  
20 advancing through district, division, and state levels,  
21 ultimately culminating in a national competition; and

22 WHEREAS, contestants deliver an 8-10 minute prepared  
23 oration on an aspect of the Constitution, followed by an  
24 assigned topic; the oration emphasizes the duties and  
25 obligations of citizens to our government, and the assigned  
26 topic must be presented in a 3-5 minute oration; and

27 WHEREAS, Miss Skelton triumphed at the local Post 23  
28 contest in Graysville, Alabama; the 21st District contest in



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29 Hoover; the 2nd Division contest in Hoover; and at the  
30 American Legion Department of Alabama state finals in  
31 Montgomery; her prepared oration entitled "Defending the  
32 Constitution to Keep Our Freedoms" and her assigned topic on  
33 "Amendment XIV, Section 1" earned her a \$2,500 scholarship  
34 for her first-place finish; and

35 WHEREAS, Miss Skelton will represent the American  
36 Legion Department of Alabama at the 2025 National High  
37 School Oratorical Contest Finals at Hillsdale College in  
38 Michigan on May 17-18, joining 55 students worldwide for a  
39 chance to win a \$25,000 scholarship; now therefore,

40 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
41 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we extend our highest  
42 commendations to Miss Prestley Skelton for her victory in  
43 the 2025 American Legion Department of Alabama Oratorical  
44 Contest and wish her continued success in all future  
45 endeavors.