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4 HR\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING KIERSTYN NICOLE JOHNSON ON BEING NAMED
5 QUEEN OF THE 78TH MOBILE AREA MARDI GRAS ASSOCIATION'S ROYAL
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8 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations 9 are herein proudly presented to Kierstyn Nicole Johnson for 10 being named Queen of the 78th Mobile Area Mardi Gras 11 Association's Royal Court; and

12 WHEREAS, Queen Kierstyn is a native of Mobile, 13 Alabama; she is a graduate of John L. LeFlore Magnet High School, where she served on various community service 14 committees and participated on the freshman, junior varsity, 15 16 and varsity cheer teams; she is the daughter of Demetrius 17 and Anitra Belle Henderson and Alfred Johnson III and the granddaughter of Antoinette Belle, Catherine Allen, and the 18 19 late Ralph Henderson and the late Donald Belle; and

20 WHEREAS, Queen Kierstyn earned a Bachelor of Science 21 in Business Administration and a Master of Science in 22 Marketing from The University of Alabama (UA); she became one of UA's first Google BOLD interns in Global Marketing 23 24 Solutions; during her time at The University of Alabama, she 25 was recognized as a Hugh F. & Eliza P. Culverhouse Scholar 26 and an outstanding marketing department honoree; and 27 WHEREAS, Queen Kierstyn's leadership and involvement

were reflected through roles in the Student Government

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29 Association, including First Year Council, Director of 30 Diversity and Inclusion, and Director of Campus Outreach; she also served as a peer leader, a member of the Academic 31 32 Honor Council, and participated in several honor societies, 33 including Phi Eta Sigma and the Elliott Society; she was initiated into the Lambda Zeta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta 34 35 Sorority, Incorporated; as an undergraduate member, she 36 served as chair of hospitality & creative dance, further 37 showcasing her leadership and commitment to service; and

38 WHEREAS, Queen Kierstyn has extensive experience in 39 site merchandising and digital strategy as a marketing lead 40 with The Home Depot Corporation where she has launched 41 multi-million dollar campaigns for the corporation; in 2019, 42 within her first six months, she received an Executive Homer 43 Award for launching interconnected experiences that 44 generated \$245 million in sales; and

45 WHEREAS, Queen Kierstyn's theme "Rooted in 46 Excellence, Empowered to Rise" is symbolic through her branded colors and storytelling of the peacock; the peacock 47 can symbolize wisdom, grace, nobility, freedom, and rebirth; 48 49 her mission is to reimagine who we can be and what we can do 50 if we focus on being connected and moving as one force, bringing impact and change to a world that needs to know the 51 52 goodness of God; her train reflects the beauty and mystery 53 of the wings of the peacock, honoring the lives of her late grandfather, Donald Belle, and her friend, Queen Katherine 54 55 Ashley Smith; her train also symbolizes the freedom and wisdom of her generation; the gold-roped embellishments 56

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57 symbolize and honor the strong shoulders of the great men 58 and women on which we all stand; her regalia also celebrates 59 all of the past queens and the ushering in of future 60 monarchs with whimsical flakes of colored stones throughout 61 the design; and

WHEREAS, Queen Kierstyn is the first monarch to serve 62 63 as Junior Queen and Royal Queen; her family history includes 64 herself as the goblet bearer to Queen Azure Joiner Wells in 65 2003, Junior Lady in 2013, and Junior Queen in 2014; her 66 sister, Raven Henderson, served as a Lady in the Junior Court in 2019 and Junior Queen in 2020, and her sibling, 67 Rian Henderson, served as Raven's goblet bearer; now 68 69 therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Kierstyn Nicole Johnson is highly congratulated for being named Queen of the 78th Mobile Area Mardi Gras Association's Royal Court, and we hereby dedicate this resolution to her with utmost admiration, along with sincere best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.