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3 By Representative DuBose
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4 HR_____ RECOGNIZING MISS LEEDS AREA 2025 SAMANTHA HENNINGS
5 AND HER WORK FOR VETERANS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA.
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7 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein extended to
8 Miss Samantha Kate "Sam" Hennings upon her selections as
9 Miss Leeds Area 2025 and for her work supporting, honoring,
10 and educating Veterans in the State of Alabama; and

11 WHEREAS, Miss Hennings launched a community service
12 initiative, Willing Hearts Devoted to Heroes, in 2024; since
13 then, she has participated in over 50 community service
14 events for Veterans, including National Anthem performances,
15 9/11 commemorative services, and Veterans Day celebrations;
16 she also hosted a benefit concert on March 14, 2025,
17 fundraising for the Red Barn in Leeds and their new program
18 for Veterans with PTSD; this three-hour event raised \$700;
19 additionally, she will be hosting a Willing Hearts' Festival
20 this summer at American Legion Post 107 for the entire Leeds
21 community to celebrate servicemen, servicewomen, and
22 Veterans; and

23 WHEREAS, Miss Hennings is from Springville, Alabama,
24 and will be a first-year law student at Regent University
25 this fall focusing on International Law and National
26 Security; after earning her Doctor of Jurisprudence, she
27 plans on attending The University of Edinburgh to pursue a
28 Master of Law in International War Crimes and Peace



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29 Treaties; it is her hope that after completing her
30 education, she will be able to use her degrees to work for
31 the United States Department of Defense; and

32 WHEREAS, Miss Hennings is currently working as a
33 legal assistant in the Veteran Affairs department of
34 Friedman Law Firm; through this firm, she has assisted in
35 helping Veterans receive over \$100,000 in back benefits just
36 this year; and

37 WHEREAS, Miss Hennings' inspiration to advocate for
38 Veterans has been greatly influenced by her father, a Navy
39 Veteran who proudly served during Desert Storm and Operation
40 Iraqi Freedom, and her grandfather, an Air Force Veteran who
41 served in the Vietnam War; their experiences, shared with
42 her since she was very young, have given her a passion to
43 support, honor, and provide education to service men and
44 women, ultimately leading to the launch of her community
45 service initiative, Willing Hearts Devoted to Heroes; now
46 therefore,

47 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
48 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Samantha Hennings is
49 congratulated on winning Miss Leeds Area 2025 and commended
50 for her community service initiative, Willing Hearts Devoted
51 to Heroes.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution is
53 offered to her in deepest admiration and appreciation for
54 her work toward honoring and raising support for Veterans,
55 along with sincere best wishes for all future endeavors.