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4 HR\_\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING BAILEY COX ON BEING NAMED AN ALABAMA  
5 PUBLIC TELEVISION 2025 YOUNG HERO.  
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7 WHEREAS, since 2001, Alabama Public Television has  
8 honored those young heroes who have made their schools and  
9 communities better places; Bailey Cox of Hoover, Alabama, is  
10 well-deserving of that recognition; and

11 WHEREAS, Bailey Cox, a senior at Hoover High School,  
12 is a remarkable young woman who has transformed personal  
13 struggles into a powerful platform for advocacy and healing;  
14 maintaining a 3.75 GPA while actively involved in numerous  
15 school and community organizations, Bailey demonstrates a  
16 dedication to both academic excellence and service; and

17 WHEREAS, at Hoover High School, Bailey serves as  
18 Parliamentarian for the Student Government Association,  
19 Engagement Director for the Distributive Education Club of  
20 America, and is a member of the Business Academy; she also  
21 participates in the Peer Helper and Teens Need Teens  
22 programs, reflecting her commitment to supporting her fellow  
23 students; her community involvement includes participation  
24 in the Ignite Hoover Youth Leadership Program, the Hoover  
25 City Schools Foundation Student Board, and the Birmingham  
26 Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated; and

27 WHEREAS, Bailey's most impactful contribution to her  
28 community has been her unwavering advocacy for mental health



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29 awareness; she bravely organized and moderated "BAILEY," a  
30 public awareness panel on self-harm and mental health held  
31 on January 5, 2025, at the Ross Bridge Community Center;  
32 this event, featured in the Hoover Sun, brought together  
33 mental health professionals to address the critical issues  
34 of mental illness and self-harm among youth; Bailey  
35 courageously shared her own story of struggling with  
36 depression and self-harm, a journey that began at age 13  
37 after a traumatic experience; she spoke openly about her  
38 struggles, her therapy, and her eventual journey to healing  
39 through faith; her vulnerability and honesty resonated  
40 deeply with others, offering hope and reducing the stigma  
41 surrounding mental health challenges; Bailey plans to  
42 continue hosting panels and events to keep the conversation  
43 going and to ensure that young people do not suffer in  
44 silence; and

45 WHEREAS, Bailey's commitment to advocacy extends  
46 beyond her local community; she and her mother have been  
47 invited to speak at the National Alliance of Mental Illness  
48 Birmingham meeting in May 2025, and attended a legislative  
49 breakfast in February to further their mission; Bailey and  
50 her family will also travel to Washington, D.C., in 2026, to  
51 attend the NAMI National Convention and advocate for mental  
52 health resources with elected officials; and

53 WHEREAS, Bailey's story is one of resilience,  
54 courage, and unwavering commitment to making a difference;  
55 she has transformed her personal struggles into a powerful  
56 platform for change, offering hope, raising awareness, and



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57 advocating for those who cannot speak for themselves; Bailey  
58 Cox is a true inspiration and a deserving candidate for  
59 recognition as a Young Hero; now therefore,

60 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
61 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That with great pride and special  
62 pleasure Bailey Cox is heartily commended on being named one  
63 of Alabama Public Television's Young Heroes of 2025, and  
64 best wishes are extended in all future endeavors.