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HJR\_\_\_ COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MCGILL-TOOLEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CLASS 7A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, highest congratulations are herein proudly presented to the McGill-Toolen Catholic High School Volleyball Team, located in Mobile, Alabama, for winning the 2025 Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 7A State Volleyball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the team, known as the Dirty Dozen, defeated Thompson High School 3-1 for its fourth straight Class 7A Championship, making history as the first team to win four in a row since the AHSAA adopted the seven-classification format; and

WHEREAS, the victory over the Warriors (25-20, 29-31, 25-21, 25-17) is the program's 25th volleyball championship; McGill-Toolen finished the 2025 season with an astounding 47-2 record; and

WHEREAS, among a roster filled with championship-caliber athletes, several players delivered exceptional performances: Class 7A Tournament MVP Catherine McClain recorded 20 kills in the championship match; Bella Smith led the team with 21 digs; Alice Wood totaled 17 digs and four assists; Payton McClarren added 17 digs; and Cami



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29 Huff recorded 16 kills; and

30 WHEREAS, in addition to Catherine McClain being named  
31 Tournament MVP, three other players, Bella Smith, Alice  
32 Wood, and Cami Huff, earned selection to the Class 7A Elite  
33 8 All-Tournament Team; and

34 WHEREAS, the McGill-Toolen Dirty Dozen has been  
35 superbly coached and inspired by Head Coach Kate Wood, who  
36 has led the program since 2014, guiding the team to six  
37 state championships and earning recognition as the NFHS  
38 Alabama Coach of the Year in 2024; and

39 WHEREAS, under Coach Wood's leadership, and with the  
40 support of assistant coaches Laura Johnson and Samantha  
41 Nichols, the program has sustained a tradition of excellence  
42 while emphasizing player development, producing multiple  
43 Gatorade Players of the Year and AVCA All-Americans,  
44 including current standout Alice Wood, who is also the  
45 daughter of Coach Wood; and

46 WHEREAS, the 2025 Championship Varsity Volleyball  
47 roster includes players Emmy Beech, Taylor Brown, Camille  
48 Fromdahl, Hannah Hodges, Cami Huff, Makayla Johnson, Jaedyn  
49 Lang, Emmy Littrell, Catherine McClain, Payton McClarren,  
50 Caitlin Miller, Teagan O'Brien, Evie Rice, Bella Smith,  
51 Rowan Thompson, and Alice Wood; now therefore,

52 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
53 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the McGill-Toolen Catholic  
54 High School Varsity Volleyball Team is hereby highly  
55 commended and congratulated for winning its fourth  
56 consecutive AHSAA Class 7A State Championship, and this



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57 resolution is dedicated to the team with the highest  
58 admiration and sincere best wishes for continued success in  
59 all future endeavors.