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4 HR_____ COMMENDING MR. MATTHEW CALEB HESS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
5 ADVOCACY AND COMMITMENT TO INCREASING AWARENESS OF TYPE 1
6 DIABETES.

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8 WHEREAS, in a desire to acknowledge and commend young
9 Alabamians who have overcome great adversity to achieve
10 exceptional accomplishments, it is with great pride and
11 pleasure that Mr. Matthew Caleb Hess of Birmingham, Alabama,
12 is recognized for his efforts to raise awareness within the
13 community about Type 1 Diabetes; and

14 WHEREAS, Matthew Hess is 18 years old and currently a
15 senior at Briarwood Christian School; he was diagnosed with
16 Type 1 Diabetes (T1D), a lifelong autoimmune disease
17 requiring daily insulin therapy and careful blood sugar
18 management, at the age of eight; and

19 WHEREAS, Matthew has confronted T1D with a remarkable
20 sense of ownership and resilience; with the support of his
21 family, he has learned to manage his health proactively, and
22 through his firsthand experience with the daily challenges
23 of the disease, he has developed deep empathy for those
24 newly diagnosed as well as for individuals who have endured
25 the condition for decades; and

26 WHEREAS, Matthew understands the demanding and
27 unrelenting nature of T1D, and from that understanding, he
28 has become a dedicated advocate, using his personal

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29 experience to educate others and promote early awareness in
30 order to help prevent serious complications; and

31 WHEREAS, Matthew has served as a Youth Ambassador,
32 Children's Congress Delegate, and One Walk Team Captain with
33 Breakthrough T1D, and he works closely with individuals and
34 families as they navigate the profound life changes that
35 follow a diagnosis; through meaningful one-on-one
36 relationships, he offers guidance, reassurance, and
37 friendship grounded in lived experience, ensuring that no
38 one he encounters must face T1D alone; and

39 WHEREAS, in addition to personal outreach, Matthew
40 advocates publicly through fundraising initiatives, speaking
41 engagements, and legislative advocacy, including
42 participation in One Walks and One Night Galas, as well as
43 meeting with congressional staff from the offices of members
44 of the United States Congress; and

45 WHEREAS, Matthew Hess has grown through his journey
46 with Type 1 Diabetes into a leader who leads by example,
47 demonstrating that Type 1 Diabetes does not define a person
48 but is simply one part of their story; and

49 WHEREAS, indeed, Matthew Hess is deserving of the
50 highest commendation for his unwavering dedication to
51 raising awareness and funding for Type 1 Diabetes research,
52 and his accomplishments bring great credit to himself, his
53 family, his community, and the State of Alabama; now
54 therefore,

55 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
56 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mr. Matthew Caleb Hess is

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57 hereby most highly commended and congratulated for his
58 outstanding advocacy and dedication to increasing awareness
59 of Type 1 Diabetes, and this resolution is presented to him
60 as a lasting tribute to his exemplary character and
61 achievements.