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HR_____ COMMENDING ZOIE GRACE MCGUYER AND SAVING GRACE: WE HEAR YOU.

WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to recognize Zoie Grace McGuyer and her nonprofit organization Saving Grace: We Hear You; Zoie is a survivor of child abuse who founded this nonprofit to address gaps in awareness and advocacy for children experiencing abuse and neglect; the organization focuses on educating communities, promoting early recognition of abuse, and directing resources toward protective advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Saving Grace: We Hear You donates all monetary contributions to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), an organization that provides trained advocates who assess children's home environments and speak on their behalf within the courtroom; these advocates ensure decisions made during court proceedings prioritize the child's best interests, especially when children cannot safely or effectively speak for themselves; and

WHEREAS, Zoie recognizes the importance of a CASA advocate because she did not have access to one during her court proceedings; her mission through Saving Grace: We Hear You is to expand access so more children receive the advocacy and protection they deserve; and

WHEREAS, Zoie also authored the Saving Grace Activity



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29 Book, an educational and therapeutic resource designed to
30 support children experiencing difficult home situations; for
31 every book purchased, a copy is donated to a child in the
32 CASA program at no cost; CASA headquarters across the United
33 States have received copies of the book in hopes of reaching
34 children nationwide; to date, more than 800 free books have
35 been provided to children in need; and

36 WHEREAS, Saving Grace: We Hear You educates
37 communities on behavioral, emotional, and environmental
38 indicators of abuse that are often overlooked; by teaching
39 caregivers, educators, and community members how to
40 recognize warning signs, Saving Grace: We Hear You promotes
41 earlier intervention and prevention; and

42 WHEREAS, children who survive abuse often carry
43 lasting emotional and developmental impacts; public
44 recognition affirms that their experiences are valid, that
45 recovery is supported, and that systemic advocacy exists to
46 protect them; now therefore,

47 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
48 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize Zoie Grace
49 McGuyer and her nonprofit organization Saving Grace: We Hear
50 You for the collective impact in the lives of children
51 facing abuse, and we offer this resolution in tribute to its
52 remarkable efforts.