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HR_____ COMMENDING THE LEGACY AND SERVICE OF CLINTON ADAMS.

WHEREAS, it is a great honor to recognize Clinton Adams for his legacy of empowerment and leadership; he has committed over 20 years to enriching the ballroom culture and supporting the LGBTQ+ community, particularly in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, his journey began in the late 1990s when, as a teenager, he immersed himself in the vibrant world of ballroom; by 2004, he began formally teaching others, launching an impactful movement that continues to thrive today; and

WHEREAS, he dedicated himself to teaching ballroom culture, drawing upon his extensive self-directed learning and practice; he founded the first series of ballroom mini-balls at Club 21 in Birmingham, which rapidly became a vital hub for local youth; his ability to create a safe and supportive environment within this chosen family structure provided many individuals the mentorship they desperately sought; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Adams has become a leading advocate for health and wellness within the LGBTQ+ community; he provided awareness of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) by organizing over 100 testing events and utilized ballroom culture to encourage youth to seek necessary health care;



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29 his initiatives have featured health workshops that focused
30 on how STDs are spread and how to prevent them; throughout
31 this period, he has saved countless youth and adults from
32 the life-threatening repercussions of untreated health
33 conditions, including HIV and other STDs; and

34 WHEREAS, Clinton's mentorship extends far beyond
35 ballroom; for over a decade, he has educated youth on vital
36 life skills, credit management, and career development,
37 directly impacting the paths of those he guided; many of his
38 mentees have successfully graduated from high school and
39 college, establishing fulfilling careers thanks to Clinton's
40 unwavering support; and

41 WHEREAS, Clinton has personally invested over
42 \$100,000 into community resources, helping individuals
43 secure housing, transportation, and educational
44 opportunities; he has organized numerous toy drives, food
45 drives, and clothing drives, ensuring that the most
46 vulnerable in his community receive aid; and

47 WHEREAS, Clinton's influence transcends local
48 borders; he has been recognized multiple times for his
49 extraordinary contributions to the LGBTQ+ community and the
50 ballroom culture, earning over 50 accolades both locally and
51 worldwide; notably, he was featured in the *Birmingham Times*,
52 showcasing his invaluable efforts in bringing ballroom
53 culture to the forefront of the community; and

54 WHEREAS, he continues to advocate for and empower
55 youth within the LGBTQ+ community; he has spearheaded events
56 like the Rocket City Pride Ball and the first Pride Ball in



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57 Tuscaloosa, leading initiatives that raise awareness and
58 provide health services; his most recent balls have
59 generated thousands in cash prizes, ensuring participants
60 walk away not just with trophies but also with financial
61 support critical for everyday life; and

62 WHEREAS, Clinton's unwavering dedication to uplifting
63 the community has inspired countless individuals, reminding
64 us all of the transformative power of mentorship,
65 compassion, and unity; as he approaches his third decade of
66 service, it is with great honor that we recognize his
67 contributions and the lasting impact he has made in the
68 lives of so many; now therefore,

69 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
70 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we honor Clinton Adams as he
71 continues to build his legacy each day through his
72 contributions to ballroom culture in Alabama and his support
73 of the LGBTQ+ community, standing as a beacon of hope, love,
74 and resilience; this resolution is offered to him in highest
75 tribute, along with best wishes for continued impact.