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HR_____ COMMENDING KAYDEN BLAND FOR BEING NAMED A 2026
ALABAMA PUBLIC TELEVISION YOUNG HERO.

WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
are proudly presented to Kayden Bland on being named a 2026
Alabama Public Television Young Hero; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Public Television selects Young
Heroes each year based on academic performance, service, and
resilience, highlighting students who have overcome
significant obstacles while continuing to contribute to
their schools and communities; each student receives a
scholarship and other prizes; and

WHEREAS, Kayden Bland is a senior at Billingsley
School who has faced extraordinary medical challenges with
unwavering faith and determination; Kayden suffered an
unexpected seizure while home alone, sustaining serious
injuries; she was later diagnosed with Juvenile Epilepsy and
began a difficult journey marked by monthly seizures,
medication side effects, hospitalizations, and ultimately
surgery to implant a vagus nerve stimulation device; and

WHEREAS, despite ongoing medical challenges, she
qualified for the state championship meet in cross country
and track, competing among the top runners in the 800-meter
run and 4×200-meter relay; and

WHEREAS, while managing the effects of her implanted



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29 device, which occasionally impacts her voice, Kayden also
30 earned fourth place in the state in the Future Farmers of
31 America Prepared Public Speaking event and served as chapter
32 president for three years; she is cocaptain of the varsity
33 cheer squad and a campus leader for First Priority; through
34 each setback, she has remained focused on faith, resilience,
35 and intentional joy; and

36 WHEREAS, Kayden channels her perseverance into
37 service; a dedicated member of Indian Grave Baptist Church,
38 she has participated in mission trips to Guatemala and
39 helped organize a playground renovation project at the
40 Prattville YMCA through Youth Leadership Autauga County; she
41 has also contributed to fundraising efforts supporting a
42 Vietnam Veterans Memorial project; and

43 WHEREAS, Kayden maintains a 4.09 GPA and has earned
44 Honor Roll recognition every term of her high school career;
45 even while navigating frequent medical appointments and
46 recovery periods, she has remained committed to academic
47 excellence; and

48 WHEREAS, Kayden Bland embodies courage, faith, and
49 disciplined perseverance; she has transformed personal
50 adversity into purposeful service and leadership, making her
51 a truly deserving recipient of recognition as a Young Hero;
52 now therefore,

53 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
54 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Kayden Bland is honored and
55 commended, and this resolution is presented to her in
56 highest tribute and with heartiest congratulations, as well



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57 as with sincere best wishes for continued success in all
58 future endeavors.