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HR_____ COMMENDING COURTNEY PRIDE FOR BEING NAMED A 2026 ALABAMA PUBLIC TELEVISION YOUNG HERO.

WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations are proudly presented to Courtney Pride 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, Courtney Pride is a senior at the Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham who has balanced one of the school's most rigorous academic schedules while navigating financial hardship and family challenges; and

WHEREAS, Courtney was raised in a low-income household where his mother has long been the sole provider for their family; he has taken on significant responsibilities at home while continuing to excel academically and artistically; and

WHEREAS, last school year, a severe water leak in his apartment displaced Courtney from his bedroom for months, forcing him to sleep, study, and create artwork in the living room while mold aggravated his asthma; yet even in



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29 those conditions, he never allowed hardship to become an
30 excuse; Courtney developed a steadiness that balances
31 honesty about injustice with an ability to accept what he
32 cannot change and work tirelessly on what he can; and

33 WHEREAS, Courtney channels these experiences into
34 meaningful community engagement and artistic contribution;
35 his artwork has been exhibited at his school as well as at
36 Sloss Furnaces and the Birmingham Museum of Art; he has also
37 completed a summer apprenticeship in metal arts and a
38 scholarship-supported music production intensive; and

39 WHEREAS, he was selected as a Bateman Scholar, a
40 competitive college preparation program for high-achieving
41 students facing economic hardship; he maintains a 4.308 GPA
42 and is regarded by faculty as a leader within the visual
43 arts program, known for his analytical thinking and
44 mentorship among peers; and

45 WHEREAS, Courtney's experiences have shaped him into
46 a student who pairs empathy with critical thought and
47 creativity with resilience; he embodies perseverance,
48 integrity, and artistic vision, making him a deserving
49 recipient of recognition as a Young Hero who will
50 undoubtedly continue to elevate the communities he joins
51 through both his talent and his character; now therefore,

52 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
53 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Courtney Pride is honored and
54 commended, and this resolution is presented to him in
55 highest tribute and with heartiest congratulations, as well



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