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SJR___ HONORING MISS PRESTLEY SKELTON FOR WINNING THE 2026 AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA ORATORICAL COMPETITION.

WHEREAS, we proudly congratulate Miss Prestley Skelton for winning the 2026 American Legion Department of Alabama Oratorical Contest, held in Montgomery, Alabama, on March 21, 2026; Miss Skelton is a back-to-back winner of this competition, having won in 2025 as well; and

WHEREAS, Miss Skelton is a 12th-grade student at Jasper High School, where her speech curriculum, guidance from her teachers, and family support have played a key role in her success; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Oratorical Contest aims to enhance students' knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, offering scholarships that can be applied at colleges nationwide; the competition starts at the post level, advancing through district, division, and state levels, ultimately culminating in a national competition; and

WHEREAS, contestants deliver an 8-10 minute prepared oration on an aspect of the Constitution, followed by an assigned topic; the oration emphasizes the duties and obligations of citizens to our government, and the assigned topic must be presented in a 3-5 minute oration; and

WHEREAS, Miss Skelton triumphed at the local Post 23



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29 contest in Graysville, Alabama; the 21st District contest in
30 Hoover; the 2nd Division contest in Pelham; and at the
31 American Legion Department of Alabama state finals in
32 Montgomery; her prepared oration entitled "From Quill to
33 Code: Regarding AI and the First Amendment" earned her a
34 \$2,500 scholarship for her first-place finish; and

35 WHEREAS, Miss Skelton will represent the American
36 Legion Department of Alabama at the 2026 National High
37 School Oratorical Contest Finals at Hillsdale College in
38 Michigan on May 15-17, joining 55 students worldwide for a
39 chance to win a \$25,000 scholarship; now therefore,

40 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
41 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we extend our highest
42 commendations to Miss Prestley Skelton for her victory in
43 the 2026 American Legion Department of Alabama Oratorical
44 Contest and wish her continued success in all future
45 endeavors.