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4 HJR\_\_\_ COMMENDING MISS CHRISTINE JOHNSON FOR WINNING THE  
5 2023 AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA ORATORICAL  
6 COMPETITION.

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8 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations  
9 are herein proudly presented to Miss Christine Johnson for  
10 winning the 2023 American Legion Department of Alabama  
11 Oratorical Contest, "A U.S. Constitutional Speech Contest,"  
12 in Montgomery, Alabama, on March 11, 2023; and

13 WHEREAS, the American Legion Oratorical Contest  
14 exists to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation for  
15 the U.S. Constitution among high school students; the  
16 American Legion's Department of Alabama awards the  
17 scholarships, which can be used at any college or university  
18 in the United States; high school students under 20 years of  
19 age are eligible to make a submission; the competition  
20 begins at the post level and advances to a state  
21 competition, and on to a national competition, with three  
22 top finishers; and

23 WHEREAS, each contestant must give an eight to 10  
24 minute prepared oration followed by an assigned topic; the  
25 oration must be on some aspect of the Constitution, with  
26 emphasis on a citizen's duties and obligations to our  
27 government; the assigned topic is then drawn during the  
28 contest and must not consume less than three minutes nor



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more than five minutes for delivery; and

WHEREAS, Miss Johnson won the local post level hosted by Post 229 in Madison, Alabama, the District 12 level, the Division 1 level, and the Alabama state competition; Miss Johnson's prepared oration was titled, "Defending the Constitution to Keep Our Freedoms"; her assigned topic was "Amendment XIV, Section 1"; Miss Johnson bested out of the two divisions in the state to win the top prize of the competition: a \$2,500 scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Miss Johnson will represent Alabama in the 2023 National High School Oratorical Contest Finals in Indianapolis, Indiana, from April 21st to 23rd; more than 53 high school youths from across the country will deliver prepared speeches on the U.S. Constitution with a chance to win the top prize of the competition: a \$25,000 scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Miss Johnson is a 12th grade homeschooler; her school speech curriculum last year, with guidance from multiple teachers and support from her family, helped prepare her for this competition; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That our highest commendations are herein proudly conveyed to Miss Christine Johnson on her success in winning the 2023 American Legion Department of Alabama Oratorical Contest, along with our sincere best wishes in all future endeavors.