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HR_____ COMMENDING THOMAS GARY WARD FOR HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHILE AT THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT AND FOR BEING HONORED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

WHEREAS, Thomas Gary Ward is highly honored and commended for his many achievements while attending the United States Military Academy at West Point, and for encouraging young people to strive for excellence; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, the Honorable Robert B. Aderholt from Alabama gave remarks in his honor on the floor of the United States House of Representatives; his remarks about Thomas Ward's accomplishments are forever memorialized as part of the Congressional Record; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Ward is the son of Caroline Ivey and Tom Ward and grandson of Gary and Betty Ward and Elizabeth Rodgers; he grew up in Jasper, Alabama, and graduated from Jasper High School; following graduation, he attended the University of Mississippi for one year before deciding to pursue acceptance to West Point; and

WHEREAS, nominated by Congressman Aderholt, Thomas Ward started at West Point in July 2020 and was later elected Class President of a class of 1,200 cadets, defeating 10 other candidates; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Aderholt said in his remarks



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29 that, "During his time at West Point, Thomas has had the
30 opportunity to pursue his passions in public policy,
31 problem-solving, and leadership. In addition to serving as
32 president of his class, he is also a leader on West Point's
33 premier military skills team. Thomas works with government
34 leaders to encourage and inspire young adults to help solve
35 community issues. He also helps lead various outreach
36 programs that teach high school and college students about
37 the importance of character and ethics in leadership"; and

38 WHEREAS, Thomas Ward will graduate with a degree in
39 political science and then be commissioned as an infantry
40 officer; his first assignment will be with the 4th Infantry
41 Division at Fort Carson, Colorado; and

42 WHEREAS, Thomas Ward is currently on tour of several
43 schools in the 4th Congressional District, speaking to
44 students about how he has learned to strive for excellence
45 in his activities and encouraging them to provide hope and
46 kindness to combat a wave of pessimism in the nation; he
47 also works with government leaders and leads outreach
48 programs in an attempt to instill in young adults the
49 importance of character and ethics in leadership; now
50 therefore,

51 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
52 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we highly commend Thomas Gary
53 Ward for his many accomplishments while attending West
54 Point, and we recognize his exemplary leadership, unwavering
55 commitment to excellence, and dedication to educating young
56 Americans about how to be the best versions of themselves;



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57 and we ultimately congratulate him for being honored in the
58 Congressional Record.