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8 COMMENDING SHEA DANIELLE PATRICK ON BEING NAMED A
9 2022 APT YOUNG HERO.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to Shea Danielle Patrick on her
13 outstanding achievement of being selected as a 2022 Young Hero
14 of Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, the Young Heroes Program, presented by
16 Alabama Public Television, recognizes students in grades 9-12
17 who have excelled in academics, given of themselves through
18 public service, overcome adversity, or inspired others through
19 deeds and strength of character; and

20 WHEREAS, Shea Danielle Patrick is a senior at Lee
21 High School in Huntsville, Alabama; she has a GPA of 3.78 and
22 is ranked in the top 10 percent of her class; Lee High School
23 teacher Roberta Hirschbuehler said, "She puts her mind to
24 something, and she excels; her talent is only rivaled by her
25 sharp wit"; and

26 WHEREAS, Shea has a particular interest in the field
27 of art; she is enrolled in the Magnet Arts Program for

1 Huntsville City Schools and was selected to the Visual Arts
2 Speciality by audition and portfolio review; Shea has studied
3 art privately at Lowe Mill Art Center and at the Huntsville
4 Museum of Art; she participated in the Panoply Art Festival,
5 was a Lowe Mill vendor at Art Market 2021, and received the
6 Mended Hearts Program Art Award in 2021; and

7 WHEREAS, active in her community, Shea has served as
8 a volunteer for New Leash on Life, Burritt Museum, the
9 Huntsville Botanical Garden Gang, and the Green Team; she is
10 an animal lover and has had many family pets, including a
11 snake, in her lifetime; and

12 WHEREAS, Shea and her identical twin sister, Abby,
13 were both diagnosed with Familial Dilated Cardiomyopathy three
14 months after their births; Dilated Cardiomyopathy is a disease
15 of the heart muscle in which the ventricle stretches and thins
16 and is unable to pump blood as well as a healthy heart; the
17 girls were immediately transferred to Vanderbilt Children's
18 Hospital in Nashville to await heart transplants; it was here
19 that nominator, Mrs. Shirley McLeod, met the family and became
20 a longtime friend; and

21 WHEREAS, Abby received a heart transplant in
22 November 2004; Shea received her heart transplant in February,
23 2005, at the age of 7 months; Mrs. McLeod stated, "Shea is
24 highly intelligent, a critical thinker, and a responsible
25 young woman; she plans to pursue a career as a professional
26 artist, animator, and writer; she currently deals in a variety
27 of artistic hobbies, including, but not limited to, writing,

1 day sculpture, crafting, drawing, photography, comics, video
2 editing, and costuming; in addition to this, Shea is also an
3 avid bookworm and wildlife enthusiast; her current creative
4 inspirations draw from the natural world, history, and world
5 cultures and mythologies"; now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
7 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Shea Danielle Patrick is
8 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to her
9 in highest tribute and with heartiest congratulations for
10 being named a 2022 APT Young Hero, as well as with sincere
11 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.