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8 HONORING ANGEL EATON FOR HER OUTSTANDING
9 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HER VIEW TOWARDS THE FUTURE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the
12 Alabama House of Representatives pay tribute to exemplary
13 young citizens who bring beauty, grace, and purpose to all of
14 their endeavors; serving as an excellent example of courage
15 and faith, Angel Eaton of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, is an
16 incredible ambassador of our great state who is deserving of
17 our honor and praise; and

18 WHEREAS, this exceptional young woman is a sophomore
19 at Hillcrest High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where she
20 plays the flute in the marching band and has an affinity for
21 purple; in the midst of her routine academic and
22 extracurricular activities, Angel was diagnosed with Ewing's
23 sarcoma, a rare type of bone cancer; and

24 WHEREAS, masterfully overcoming the disappointment
25 of the diagnosis, Angel began her fight against the disease
26 with extraordinary courage; in spite of absences for surgeries
27 and treatments, Angel is maintaining her school work,

1 continuing to demonstrate her leadership skills among her
2 peers, and is staying in touch with her friends; and

3 WHEREAS, among Angel's disappointments, she feared
4 that due to recovery and weakness from surgery and treatments,
5 she would miss her school prom and not get to wear the
6 beautiful blue gown she had chosen several months before her
7 diagnosis; Angel's special and caring friends surprised her in
8 February with an early pre-prom event before her scheduled
9 surgery; instead of wearing her prom dress, her friends
10 provided her with a hot pink ball gown for her to dance the
11 night away with her friends at MJ Academy of Dance in
12 Taylorville; and

13 WHEREAS, then it was Angel's turn to surprise her
14 friends; everyone was astonished at Angel's quick recovery
15 from surgery, and on March 15 at the Bryant Conference Center,
16 Angel magically appeared in her beautiful blue gown for "A
17 Night of Disguise, " Hillcrest's 2014 prom, and danced again
18 with her friends; and

19 WHEREAS, after a family beach trip and the prom,
20 Angel has endured additional setbacks that have kept her out
21 of school and back in Children's Hospital in Birmingham; she
22 is keeping in touch with friends and courageously continuing
23 her struggle in the style Angel knows best; she is looking
24 forward to returning to school soon, family beach trips to the
25 Gulf Coast this summer, and she may wear purple at next year's
26 prom; and

1 WHEREAS, Angel's strong will to succeed in whatever
2 she undertakes is an inspiration to others, especially those
3 fighting life challenges; she has indeed earned the respect
4 and admiration of her family, friends, and this Legislative
5 body; Angel is deserving of special recognition for her
6 special gifts; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby praise and give
9 tribute to Angel Eaton for her outstanding and courageous
10 example to others battling challenges in life at any age, and
11 we do further direct that she shall be provided a copy of this
12 resolution as evidence of our admiration and esteem with our
13 sincere best wishes for all future endeavors.