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8 COMMENDING SOPHIE GRIFFIES ON RECEIVING THE HOOVER
9 HIGH SCHOOL 2020 FINLEY AWARD.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in
12 extending highest commendation to Sophie Griffies on being
13 named Hoover High School's winner of the 2020 Finley Award for
14 outstanding character among all 683 seniors at the school; and

15 WHEREAS, Sophie was honored during an assembly for
16 seniors in the school's gymnasium, along with more than 20
17 other seniors nominated for the award; and

18 WHEREAS, the 17-year-old is the commander of the
19 school's Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and
20 is known for her outstanding leadership; she has been a
21 superstar in the Junior ROTC program from the beginning; she
22 commands the drill team, has the most community service hours,
23 has won numerous national Junior ROTC awards and will win a
24 few more at the end of the year; Sophie is the representative
25 of the core values of the ROTC program: integrity first,
26 service before self, and excellence in all we do; she
27 understands the idea of perseverance and determination; and

1 WHEREAS, Sophie was tasked with giving an hour long
2 briefing on the Hoover High Air Force Junior ROTC chapter to
3 the school principal, school system superintendent, and Air
4 Force ROTC regional director - all by herself; retired Air
5 Force Colonel Chris Moulton, who is one of the Junior ROTC
6 instructors at Hoover High School, said, "The idea that a
7 17-year-old child can do that is remarkable; she has a level
8 of composure that you almost can't imagine in a child this
9 young"; and

10 WHEREAS, Sophie Griffies dreams of becoming an Air
11 Force pilot; she plans to attend Troy University and looks
12 forward to being part of the ROTC program; we are confident
13 that her winning awards has only just begun; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition of the
16 outstanding achievement of being named Hoover High School's
17 2020 Finley Award winner, Sophie Griffies is commended and
18 congratulated, and this resolution is offered in highest
19 tribute along with best wishes in all future endeavors.