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8 COMMENDING MISS TUSCALOOSA'S OUTSTANDING TEEN 2018  
9 LAURA GRACE HENRY AND HER NON-PROFIT FOUNDATION, HIDING IN  
10 PLAIN SIGHT FOR PROVIDING INVALUABLE SERVICES FOR YOUTH.  
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12 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
13 presented to Miss Tuscaloosa's Outstanding Teen Laura Grace  
14 Henry and her non profit foundation, Hiding In Plain Sight;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Laura Grace launched Hiding in Plain Sight  
17 with the goal of preventing teen dating violence; teen dating  
18 violence is a prominent social issue that affects one in three  
19 teens; Hiding in Plain Sight addresses the manner in which  
20 pre-teen girls view themselves and educates them on safe  
21 dating practices; and

22 WHEREAS, Laura Grace hosts "Love is Respect" peer  
23 education programs through area YMCAs that cover the topics of  
24 respecting one's self and others as well as teen dating  
25 violence prevention; she meets with middle school girls from a  
26 five-county area to discuss dating safety, the warning signs  
27 of an abusive relationship, the importance of staying true to

1 one's self while in a dating relationship, and new safety  
2 dating apps; and

3 WHEREAS, Hiding in Plain Sight provides counselors  
4 for girls to speak with after the YMCA programs; a short  
5 version of the Love is Respect presentation is available for  
6 youth groups and school visits; notably, Laura Grace spoke to  
7 11 schools, four churches, and five parent groups, reaching  
8 over 1,100 people in 2017; the youth who attend her events  
9 receive Build-a-Bear, Inc., teddy bears with a hidden 1-800  
10 helpline number printed on the inside of a ribbon around their  
11 necks; and

12 WHEREAS, at only nine years of age, Laura Grace  
13 began volunteering at her local domestic violence shelter; as  
14 survivors of domestic abuse, she and her family desired to  
15 bless others who were facing domestic violence and needed  
16 assistance; and

17 WHEREAS, Miss Laura Grace Henry has earned numerous  
18 scholastic honors and held various leadership roles; she has  
19 earned the National Daily Point of Light Award, selection as  
20 the Prudential Spirit of Community Alabama Youth Volunteer of  
21 the Year, The President's National Lifetime Achievement  
22 Volunteer Award, selection as Hasbro's Community Action Heroes  
23 Top Nine; Kohl's Cares Regional Volunteer Award, the Peace  
24 Fund Radio National Hero Award, Omni's National Youth Activist  
25 Top 10 Humanitarian Award; selection as top five female  
26 golfers in the River Region, selection as the Universal Cheer  
27 Association Cheer Camp Top Flyer, and selection as the

1 Universal Cheer Association Overall Jump Winner; now  
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Laura Grace Henry is highly  
5 honored and commended for providing invaluable services to  
6 youth with her remarkable foundation, Hiding In Plain Sight,  
7 and this resolution is offered to her in highest tribute, as  
8 well as with sincere best wishes on her bid for the honor of  
9 Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen.