

1 HR350
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3 By Representative Weaver
4 RFD:
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8 COMMENDING KAYLA SMITH FOR HEROIC AND TIMELY ACTION
9 IN HELPING TO SAVE THREE SWIMMERS IN PERIL.
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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation and with
12 deepest gratitude that Kayla Smith of Montevallo, Alabama, is
13 recognized for her heroic and timely actions in helping to
14 rescue three swimmers in peril at Perdido Beach on May 22,
15 2015; and

16 WHEREAS, Kayla Smith graduated from Montevallo High
17 School in May 2015, and was on Perdido Beach with fellow
18 graduates, Lupe Serrano, Meredith Goggins, and Katie Hamrick
19 when they heard a woman frantically calling for help for her
20 daughters; the three young girls were 30-40 feet out into the
21 waters and were clearly in distress; and

22 WHEREAS, all four girls from Montevallo quickly swam
23 into the ocean and brought the three young girls to shore;
24 paramedics arrived and performed CPR on the two older girls
25 before they were flown to Sacred Heart Hospital; the youngest
26 daughter did not require hospitalization; the extraordinary
27 quick thinking and heroic rescue actions during a

1 life-threatening situation saved these three young girls from
2 drowning; and

3 WHEREAS, through her meritorious response to a life
4 and death situation, Kayla Smith and her friends have
5 demonstrated decisiveness and exemplary character, numbering
6 them among Alabama's finest citizens; Kayla also sustained
7 injuries and was taken to the hospital; and

8 WHEREAS, indeed a courageous young lady, the
9 selfless actions of Kayla Smith are the source of justifiable
10 pride to her family and friends; we are extremely proud of her
11 heroism and Kayla Smith is most deserving of special
12 distinction and praise for her efforts; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
14 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Kayla Smith is hereby most
15 highly honored and commended for heroically rescuing three
16 strangers struggling in the waters of Perdido Beach, and it is
17 directed that a copy of this resolution be presented to her in
18 admiration and appreciation, along with best wishes for all
19 future endeavors.