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3 By Senator McClendon
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4 ENROLLED, SJR4,

5 ENDORSING THE SELECTION OF HELEN KELLER FOR THE NEW
6 \$10 BILL.

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8 WHEREAS, the United States Treasury has announced
9 that the image of an American woman, whose legacy exhibits
10 America's values and inclusive democracy, will be selected to
11 adorn the new \$10 bill; and

12 WHEREAS, Treasury has invited immediate, limited
13 duration public input to the selection process, via "Tweets"
14 to "#TheNew10," or by submitting nominations to the website
15 "thenew10/share-your-ideas/submit; and has indicated that the
16 new bill will be the first paper currency with a tactile
17 element recognizable by visually impaired persons; and

18 WHEREAS, Helen Keller was born in Tuscumbia,
19 Alabama, on June 27, 1880; and

20 WHEREAS, as a blind and deaf seven-year-old child,
21 Helen Keller became an international celebrity and the first
22 person to escape the double dungeon of darkness and silence to
23 effectively communicate with a world she could not see or
24 hear; and

1 WHEREAS, she was the first such disabled person to
2 graduate from college; the first woman awarded a honorary
3 doctorate degree from Harvard University; and she authored 13
4 books and communicated in three languages; and

5 WHEREAS, Helen Keller became America's Goodwill
6 Ambassador to the World, befriending every United States
7 President during her adult lifetime, as well as world leaders,
8 such as Winston Churchill, Prime Minister Nehru, and Emperor
9 Hirohito, while visiting 37 countries; and

10 WHEREAS, she envisioned, and publicly demanded, that
11 America become a truly inclusive democracy, long before it did
12 so; and she effectively advocated for the rights of women,
13 children, minorities, immigrants, and the disabled; and

14 WHEREAS, by her example and writings, she
15 permanently brought discussion of disabilities into the
16 mainstream, forever increasing the life potential of all
17 disabled persons; and

18 WHEREAS, Helen Keller was awarded the Presidential
19 Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor, and was
20 named by Time Magazine as one of the 100 most important people
21 of the 20th century; and

22 WHEREAS, the world still needs Helen Keller's
23 examples of character and values that continue to reflect
24 great credit upon her home State of Alabama and on America;
25 and

1 WHEREAS, the Helen Keller Foundation for Research
2 and Education was established by her family and distinguished
3 scientists and physicians in Birmingham, Alabama, to save
4 sight, speech and hearing, and to teach character education to
5 children and adults through Helen's example and writings; now
6 therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we call upon Alabama citizens,
9 and all interested persons and organizations everywhere, to
10 view a summary of Helen Keller's lifetime accomplishments at
11 the Youtube website and to promptly communicate to the U.S.
12 Treasury their support of Helen Keller as the best choice to
13 represent America to the world on the new \$10 bill.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 15-SEP-15

By: Senator McClendon