



MAYOR RECOGNIZES JESSICA MILLS AND HER FAMILY FOR HIKING APPALACHIAN TRAIL AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS



Mayor Gary Fuller, Jessica Mills

Mayor Fuller presented the following proclamation to Jessica Mills on December 18, 2018.

WHEREAS, Jessica Mills is the daughter of Dave and Rhonda Mills with a passion for hiking experiencing the true beauty of nature and meeting others who share in her love for the trail; and

WHEREAS, Jessica was Salutatorian of her 2004 Beauregard High School class. She graduated from Auburn University in 2012 in Biosystems Engineering with a minor in Agronomy and Soils; and

WHEREAS, she worked with NRCS (National Resources Conversation Services) of Alabama after graduating and then accepted a position with Halliburton Oil Company in Denver Colorado before deciding to leave the 9 to 5 to hike the Appalachian Trail; and

WHEREAS, she began her trek hiking the 2,189.2 miles of the Appalachian Trail from March to October 2015; next was 2,650.1 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail; and most recently 3,014.5 miles of the Continental Divide Trail from April to October 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Trail goes through 14 states from Georgia to Maine; the Pacific Crest Trail goes from Mexico to Canada through California, Oregon and Washington; and the Continental Divide Trail spans from Mexico to Canada beginning in the desolate deserts of New Mexico and ends in Big Sky Montana with almost half of the trail through Grizzly Bear country; and

WHEREAS, Dave and Rhonda's children are definitely high achievers: daughter Rebecca was the 2014 Salutatorian at Beauregard High School and is in her second year of Pharmacy school at Auburn University; son DJ earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2015 and attended Auburn University at Montgomery; son Dakota earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2016, was the 2017 Valedictorian at Beauregard High School and attends Auburn University at Montgomery in the Honors Program; daughter Montana graduated in the top 16% of her 2018 class at Beauregard High School and attends Auburn University at Montgomery; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Gary Fuller, Mayor of the City of Opelika, Alabama by the authority vested in me, recognize and honor Jessica and the entire Mills family for their many achievements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Opelika, Alabama, to be affixed this the 18th day of December 2018.