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3 By Representative Wood
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8 COMMENDING CHIEF JOHN DRYDEN FOR PROFESSIONAL
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a privilege to extend highest
12 commendation to Chief John Dryden, Chief of Police of the City
13 of Anniston, Alabama, for his many years of dedicated service
14 and outstanding record of achievement; and

15 WHEREAS, Chief Dryden has announced his retirement
16 after almost 28 years in law enforcement, having begun as a
17 Police Officer in Piedmont, Alabama, in 1972; and

18 WHEREAS, a native son of Anniston, he served with
19 honor and distinction in the United States Marine Corps; his
20 educational and professional credentials include a Bachelor of
21 Science Degree in Law Enforcement from Jacksonville State
22 University in 1975, and he is also a graduate of the 151st
23 Session of the FBI Academy in 1987; and

24 WHEREAS, Chief Dryden joined the Anniston Police
25 Department in June 1974 and progressed steadily through the
26 ranks; highlights of his exemplary career include: assigned to
27 Undercover Narcotics in March 1976, promoted to Sergeant in

1 August 1976, assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division in July
2 1981, promoted to Lieutenant in May 1983, promoted to Captain
3 in February 1987 and assigned to the post of Commander of the
4 Investigative Division, created the Special Response Team in
5 1989 and has been the Commander since its beginning; assigned
6 the Commander of the Uniform Division in January 1992,
7 assigned the Commander of the Administrative Division in
8 October 2000, and promoted to Chief of Police in May 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Dryden personifies the finest
10 qualities of those who serve in the noble profession of law
11 enforcement, responding to crises and often risking their
12 lives for the protection of their fellowman; he is admired for
13 his unquestioned integrity as well as his valiant actions, and
14 he will be greatly missed by colleagues and the citizens of
15 his beloved hometown that he has served so well for so long;
16 now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Chief John Dryden is honored
19 and commended for his exemplary record of achievement and
20 dedicated service to the City of Anniston, and this resolution
21 is offered in highest tribute and deepest appreciation to him,
22 along with best wishes as he begins his well-deserved
23 retirement.