

1 HJR385
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3 By Representative Sanderford
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 19-MAR-14

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 COMMENDING WILLIAM C. PIPPIN FOR OUTSTANDING
4 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.
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6 WHEREAS, William C. Pippin has rendered
7 extraordinary service to Huntsville Utilities, an electric,
8 water, and natural gas utility serving the City of Huntsville
9 and Madison County since July of 1985 and has served as its
10 Vice President of Operations, Vice President of Administrative
11 Services, and, for the last 21 years, the President and Chief
12 Executive Officer; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Pippin has displayed exceptional
14 leadership, guiding Huntsville Utilities through several
15 periods of explosive customer growth and fundamental change,
16 preparing and positioning Huntsville Utilities for the future,
17 and has lead Huntsville Utilities' employees and customers
18 through a number of adverse weather events including the
19 Airport Road Tornado of 1989, the Blizzard of March 1993, Ice
20 Storms in 1994 and 1996, and the Tornado Outbreak in April
21 2011; and

22 WHEREAS, during his singular tenure, both as to
23 longevity and distinction, as President and CEO of Huntsville
24 Utilities, Mr. Pippin has dealt skillfully and knowledgeably
25 with elected and appointed officials at all levels, has

1 represented Huntsville Utilities at meetings of the Huntsville
2 City Council and other governing bodies on a regular basis to
3 address and promote issues and concerns of Huntsville
4 Utilities and the utility industry, and has dealt adeptly with
5 legislators, executives and TVA officials and other industry
6 figures on behalf of Huntsville Utilities; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Pippin has served the utility industry
8 admirably for over 40 years in a number of different roles
9 including: the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association's
10 (TVPPA) Board of Directors, TVPPA Rates and Contracts
11 Committee, TVPPA Power Supply Committee, TVPPA Regional
12 Transmission Organization Task Force, TVPPA Valley Energy
13 Board, TVPPA Government Relations Committee, member of the
14 Seven States Energy Corporation, representing Huntsville
15 Utilities with the Big 8 distributors in the Tennessee Valley,
16 Electric Cities of Alabama's Executive Committee and Board of
17 Directors, President of the North Alabama Public Power
18 Association, and Chairman of the North Alabama Industrial
19 Development Association, and he was awarded the Richard C.
20 Crawford Distinguished Service Award by TVPPA in 2012; and

21 WHEREAS, under Mr. Pippin's leadership, Huntsville
22 Utilities has been acknowledged numerous times for efforts
23 with safety concerns and operational excellence through
24 industry awards and recognitions by organizations including
25 the Business Council of Alabama, the American Public Power

1 Association, the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association,
2 the American Public Gas Association, the National Safety
3 Council, the American Water Works Association, the Alabama
4 Department of Environmental Management, the U.S. Environmental
5 Protection Agency, the Alabama Department of Industrial
6 Relations, and the Tennessee Valley Authority; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Pippin has served the Huntsville
8 Community honorably as a member of the Huntsville Rotary Club,
9 member and past president of the Heart of the Valley YMCA,
10 Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce Board of
11 Directors, Chairman of that Chamber's Industry Appreciation
12 Committee and a member of the Executive Committee, Huntsville
13 Botanical Garden Advisory Board, and four-time Co-Chair of the
14 Huntsville-Madison County March of Dimes; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Pippin has demonstrated deft ability to
16 work harmoniously with the Electric Utility Board, the Water
17 Utility Board, and the Natural Gas Utility Board while
18 providing strong executive leadership for the management of
19 the combined enterprise which operates as Huntsville
20 Utilities; and

21 WHEREAS, the length and quality of William C.
22 Pippin's service to Huntsville Utilities and the extraordinary
23 manner in which he has gained acclaim for himself and for
24 Huntsville Utilities in the fields of electricity, water, and
25 natural gas service can be characterized as truly exceptional

1 and unparalleled among utility chief executives in the United
2 States; and

3 WHEREAS, employees, Board members, TVA officials,
4 fellow utility executives and countless other colleagues have
5 expressed their respect and affection for Mr. Pippin upon his
6 retirement; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby extend sincere and
9 grateful appreciation to William C. Pippin for his dedicated
10 service to Huntsville Utilities, the City of Huntsville,
11 Madison County, and the State of Alabama, as well as
12 congratulations on a well-earned retirement and best wishes on
13 continued success, good health, and happiness in all future
14 endeavors.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 01-APR-14.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

03-APR-14

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