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8 COMMENDING MAYOR EUGENE A. MELTON FOR DISTINGUISHED  
9 SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TRUSSVILLE, ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
12 presented to Mayor Eugene A. Melton for distinguished service  
13 to the City of Trussville, Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, his five terms of service as Mayor of  
15 Trussville have been marked by exponential population, retail,  
16 industrial, and residential growth, the establishment of the  
17 Trussville City School System, the establishment of a  
18 Trussville City Schools Reserve Fund that now exceeds  
19 \$6,000,000, the development of the first City of Trussville  
20 Master Plan and Major Road Plan for future growth,  
21 establishment of the city's first paid fire department  
22 supported by volunteers, expansion of the Trussville Police  
23 Department, and the implementation of numerous cost saving  
24 measures; and

25 WHEREAS, Mayor Eugene A. Melton's extensive record  
26 of excellence includes leading the City of Trussville into  
27 recovery from the 2003 downtown flood of the Cahaba River and

1 Pinch Gut Creek and building Trussville City Reserves that  
2 carried Trussville through the massive 2007-2008 recession,  
3 during which period not one city employee lost his or her job  
4 and the city survived the downturn in retail tax revenue; as a  
5 result of his expert guidance and leadership, the City of  
6 Trussville was prepared and financially able to support and  
7 protect devastated neighborhoods with fire, police, and EMS  
8 services when the tragic tornadoes of April 2011 struck the  
9 state; and

10 WHEREAS, among the many city improvements made  
11 during his tenure were the construction of Paine Elementary  
12 School, Paine Intermediate School, the new Hewitt-Trussville  
13 High School; the construction of Husky Stadium, Husky Parkway  
14 and Bridge; the construction of two fire stations, the  
15 Trussville Civic Center, and the Trussville Senior Center; the  
16 construction of the Trussville Sports Complex, Racquet Club,  
17 and Football Fields; the completion of the first Trussville  
18 Library expansion, the Highland Avenue drainage project, and  
19 the Linden Street curb and gutter upgrades; the completion of  
20 the Black Jack Road Entrance and the Pinch Gut Creek  
21 Renovation; the introduction of controlled commercial  
22 development and expansion of the city's tax base; and the  
23 provision of free garbage, brush, and recycling pick-up; and

24 WHEREAS, Mayor Eugene A. Melton has demonstrated the  
25 noble qualities of a true public servant and has earned  
26 widespread admiration and respect for his tireless dedication  
27 and exceptional abilities through the years; his significant

1 contributions to the City of Trussville have positively  
2 impacted countless lives and reflected immense credit upon the  
3 entire State of Alabama; it is a tremendous privilege to laud  
4 the professional achievements of a remarkable figure such as  
5 Mayor Eugene A. Melton, who is ultimately deserving of special  
6 commendation and praise; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mayor Eugene A. Melton is  
9 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered  
10 to him in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with  
11 sincere best wishes for continued success in all future  
12 endeavors.