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8 COMMENDING DeMARCUS WARE FOR EXTRAORDINARY ATHLETIC
9 ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly extended to the 2016 Super Bowl 50 Champion
13 Denver Broncos and outside linebacker and Alabama native son,
14 DeMarcus Ware; and

15 WHEREAS, a native of Auburn, Alabama, DeMarcus
16 excelled in athletics at Auburn High School and was a standout
17 defensive football player at Troy University, where, as a
18 senior, he was the Sun Belt Conference Defensive Player of the
19 Year; his 27.5 sacks are second in Troy University history and
20 his 57 tackles for a loss ranks first in school history; and

21 WHEREAS, DeMarcus was drafted in the First Round,
22 eleventh overall by the Dallas Cowboys in 2005 and his
23 collegiate success easily translated to the NFL; he was the
24 2008 NFL Defensive Player of the Year, led the league in sacks
25 in 2008 and 2010, recorded an astounding seven straight
26 seasons with 10-plus sacks, and was the second fastest player
27 in history to garner admission to the "100 Sacks Club"; and

1 WHEREAS, as the Cowboys all-time leader in sacks and
2 forced fumbles, DeMarcus transitioned to the Denver Broncos in
3 2014 where he continued to disrupt prolific offenses; he is a
4 9-time Pro Bowl Selection, a seven-time All Pro Selection, has
5 received the Butkus Award two times, and has been inducted
6 into the Troy University Athletics Hall of Fame; and

7 WHEREAS, DeMarcus Ware reached the pinnacle of his
8 football career when the Denver Broncos defeated the Carolina
9 Panthers in Super Bowl 50 on February 7, 2016; a vocal leader,
10 a role model for younger players, and a dominant defensive
11 force for the Broncos, he registered two sacks, four
12 quarterback hurries, and five tackles during the battle with
13 the Panthers; and

14 WHEREAS, a devoted father and family man, DeMarcus
15 has two children: daughter, Marley; and son, DeMarcus, Jr.;
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17 WHEREAS, from thrilling victories, to gallant
18 leadership of his teammates, to exceptional achievements in
19 the National Football League, DeMarcus Ware's athletic
20 accomplishments have truly garnered the attention of the
21 nation and the admiration of his home state; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That DeMarcus Ware is highly
24 honored and commended for winning Super Bowl 50 with the
25 Denver Broncos and for achieving great heights in his storied
26 football career, and by copy of this resolution, we offer

1 congratulations, along with best wishes for continued success
2 in all future athletic and life endeavors.