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3 By Representatives Hanes and Whorton
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8 COMMENDING FIRE CHIEF GENE NECKLAUS FOR OUTSTANDING
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in
12 extending highest commendation to Scottsboro Fire Chief, Gene
13 Necklaus, on being named Fire Chief of the Year by the Alabama
14 Association of Fire Chiefs (AAFC); and

15 WHEREAS, Chief Necklaus has been a firefighter since
16 1998, when he was hired full-time after being a volunteer for
17 a year; in 2014, he was appointed as Scottsboro's sixth Fire
18 Chief; and

19 WHEREAS, since 2014, the Scottsboro Fire Department
20 has received over \$750,000 in federal, state, and private
21 grants which has been used for vital equipment upgrades; the
22 AAFC has provided a network of fire service professionals
23 across the state and country and together they have worked on
24 several statewide projects; his proudest accomplishments are
25 the Residential Sprinkler legislation and the Firefighter
26 Cancer Benefit; it has been determined that fire fighting and
27 the repeated exposure to fire contributes to a much higher

1 likelihood of developing certain cancers; he has worked with
2 the League of Municipalities to find a solution that would
3 provide benefits and still allow firefighters to use their
4 doctors of choice; and

5 WHEREAS, Chief Necklaus also implemented a gear
6 cleaning and inspection program to ensure each firefighter has
7 a clean protective hood; a recent project from a federal grant
8 saw the diesel exhaust removal project completed, with the
9 trucks' exhausts connected to the removal system, keeping the
10 exhaust from filling the bays and protecting firefighters from
11 inhaling more toxins; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we take great pride and
14 pleasure in commending Scottsboro Fire Chief Gene Necklaus, on
15 being named Fire Chief of the Year, and by copy of this
16 resolution we convey our highest esteem along with our
17 congratulations and best wishes.