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8 COMMENDING DR. DAVID THRASHER FOR OUTSTANDING
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with much appreciation that we
12 recognize exceptional leaders who have improved the lives of
13 Alabamians, and who have distinguished themselves through
14 their professional contributions; and

15 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
16 recognize Dr. David Thrasher, a board certified pulmonologist
17 and the Director of Respiratory Therapy at Jackson Hospital in
18 Montgomery, Alabama, who has honorably served the state as one
19 of the primary sources of accurate and reliable information
20 regarding the COVID-19 pandemic in Alabama; and continues to
21 be a front-line fighter for COVID-19 patients in Montgomery
22 and surrounding counties; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Thrasher treated Alabama's first
24 COVID-19 patient placed on a ventilator; early in the
25 pandemic, he became an advocate for preventive measures to
26 stem community spread of the virus, partnering with community
27 leaders to enlist their support and leadership in stopping the

1 spread of COVID-19 across the River Region; when personal
2 protective equipment was scarce, he spearheaded a donation of
3 N100 respiratory masks to the Respiratory Department at
4 Jackson Hospital ensuring that each team member would receive
5 this vital piece of personal protective equipment to use while
6 treating patients; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Thrasher used television, radio, and
8 social media to advance and circulate accurate information
9 about the pandemic's impact on local emergency departments and
10 intensive care units; his social media posts about the
11 prevention and treatment of COVID-19 were shared widely and
12 were vital to the general public, medical personnel, and
13 physicians; in conjunction with physicians at The University
14 of Alabama at Birmingham, he prepared video medical briefings
15 for physicians on COVID-19 treatments; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Thrasher administered the first
17 monoclonal antibody treatments in Alabama to fight COVID-19
18 and keep patients from being hospitalized; he has now
19 successfully treated more than 1,000 patients with monoclonal
20 antibody therapy, thereby reducing the stress on hospital
21 emergency departments, intensive care units, and medical
22 personnel; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. David Thrasher is highly
25 honored and commended for his unwavering dedication to his
26 patients, his profession, and the people of the State of
27 Alabama, and this resolution is given in deepest admiration

1 and appreciation, and along with sincere best wishes for all
2 future endeavors.