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3 By Representatives Marques, Simpson, Sorrells, Allen,
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COMMENDING CHIEF BYRON HERRING FOR OUTSTANDING
PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in extending highest commendation to Fire Chief Byron Herring of Enterprise, Alabama, for his outstanding record of professional achievement with the Enterprise Fire Department spanning almost half a century of contributions and service as a firefighter, risking his own life and safety on a daily basis to serve and save others; and

WHEREAS, a native of Enterprise, Alabama, Chief Herring was born to Ray and Lillie Herring and grew up on the family farm; he is a 1971 graduate of Enterprise High School; and

WHEREAS, Chief Herring joined the Enterprise Fire Department in October 1973 and moved upward through the ranks in his years of service; after only four years, he was elected Lieutenant then rose to the rank of Captain in 1983, and was elected Chief of the Department in 1993, a position he has held until his retirement in May 2021; and

1 WHEREAS, in addition to his career with the
2 Enterprise Fire Department, Chief Herring has been the city's
3 Safety Officer; he is a founding member and former Chief of
4 the Battens Volunteer Fire Department; he is also a founding
5 member and former President and Vice President of the Coffee
6 County Firefighters Association; he has served on the Board of
7 Directors and as Treasurer for the Southeast Fire District
8 Six; he is a member of the Southeast Fire Chiefs Association,
9 International Fire Chiefs Association, and Alabama Fire Chiefs
10 Association; in 2018, he was named Alabama Fire Chiefs
11 Association Chief of the Year and was recognized as the
12 longest serving career fire chief in the state; and

13 WHEREAS, under his leadership the Enterprise Fire
14 Department is ranked in the top two percent of fire
15 departments in the United States; through Chief Herring's
16 judicious guidance, the Enterprise Fire Department has made
17 monumental strides, including integrating Emergency Medical
18 Services, planning and building of two new fire stations,
19 almost doubling the number of the city's firefighters;
20 outfitting the station equipment with state-of-the-art
21 equipment, maintaining proper training and mandated safety
22 regulations, and providing expert leadership and strength of
23 character during times of intense large scale fires,
24 hurricanes, and devastating tornadoes; and

25 WHEREAS, in times of crisis, there is no greater
26 comfort than the knowledge that firefighters like Chief
27 Herring are protecting us; known among family, co-workers, and

1 friends as a man of strong faith, he is willing to give
2 unselfishly of his time and resources to assist others; and

3 WHEREAS, with the loving support of his wife,
4 Martha, their children, Phillip and Christina, and their
5 grandchildren, Alexis, Austin, and Hanna, Chief Herring's
6 illustrious career is replete with accomplishments benefiting
7 the citizens of the State of Alabama; with fairness,
8 integrity, fervor, compassion, and consistency in his
9 commitment to public service, he has earned the respect and
10 gratitude of his fellow professionals and countless
11 Alabamians; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Chief Byron
14 Herring for his years of dedication and unselfish service to
15 his community, and this resolution is given in deepest
16 admiration and appreciation, and along with sincere best
17 wishes for all future endeavors.