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HJR___ COMMENDING JOSEPH BERNARD HAMPTON, THE FIRST BLACK MAN TO LEAD A MAJOR UTILITY COMPANY IN ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, it is with immense pleasure that we commend Mr. Joseph Bernard Hampton for his outstanding professional achievements; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton is the first Black man to lead a major utility company in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the son of Joseph and Lula Hampton, Mr. Hampton and his sisters, Phyllis and Deborah, were reared in Pratt City, Alabama, now an incorporated community of Birmingham, Alabama, where they were members of the Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton is a graduate of Arthur Harold Parker High School where he played football, basketball, and sang in the choir; he holds degrees in Physics from Stillman College and Engineering from The University of Alabama both in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton began his career at Alabama Gas Company in 1992 at the age of 18, where he was exposed to a management training program that allowed him to move around the State of Alabama eight times and serve in leadership roles; he worked and lived in the Alabama cities of Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, Montgomery, Anniston, Selma, and Auburn, and in Kansas City, Missouri, prior to becoming



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29 Director of Operations in 2014 when Alagasco was acquired by
30 Spire; and

31 WHEREAS, in December 2018, Mr. Hampton was promoted
32 to President of Spire Incorporated, a public utility company
33 based in St. Louis, Missouri, that provides natural gas
34 services to millions of homes and businesses across Alabama,
35 Mississippi, and Missouri; and

36 WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton and his wife, Jenise, have been
37 married for 20 years, and they have two sons, Joseph III,
38 age 14, and Jonathan, age 12; now therefore,

39 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
40 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we honor Joseph Bernard
41 Hampton for his distinguished career and his contribution to
42 the prosperity of the State of Alabama.