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HR _____ COMMENDING JERRY HAYES FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are proudly presented
to Jerry Hayes on the occasion of his retirement as News
Anchor for WHNT-TV, WHDF-TV, and Nextar Media Group,
Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Hayes is in his 44th year at WHNT News
19; he joined the team in March of 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes was born in Nashville, Tennessee;
while working on his college degree at Middle Tennessee
State University, he landed an internship at WTVF, the CBS
affiliate in Nashville; after graduation, Mr. Hayes was
hired as Chief Videotape Editor in the News Department; in
the fall of 1978, he moved to Huntsville, and was hired by
WHNT as a reporter, but within a couple of weeks he began
producing and anchoring the weekend newscasts; he now
co-anchors the 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. newscasts on
weeknights with Christine Killimayer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes has been honored with numerous
awards during his journalistic career; he is a six-time
recipient of the Alabama Associated Press Television Award
for Best News Anchor and a three-time Alabama Broadcasting
Association Anchor of the Year; he is a nine-time Emmy
nominee and a two-time winner; in 2010, he was inducted by
the Nashville/Midsouth Chapter into the National Academy of



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29 Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle for contributions
30 to the television industry of 25 years or more in
31 broadcasting; in 2012, he won an ABBY Award for his feature
32 story, "A Father's Love"; and in 2013, Mr. Hayes was honored
33 with a Region 12 Edward R. Murrow Award for Best Sports
34 Reporting; and

35 WHEREAS, when Mr. Hayes is not working, he loves
36 spending time with family, especially with his
37 grandchildren; he also loves to fish, play golf, and watch
38 the Tennessee Titans and Nashville Predators; now therefore,

39 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
40 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mr. Jerry Hayes is honored and
41 commended on the occasion of his retirement as News 19
42 Anchor, and this resolution is offered to him in highest
43 tribute, as well as with sincere best wishes for continued
44 success in all future endeavors.