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4 HJR____ COMMENDING MAYOR SANDY STIMPSON ON HIS RETIREMENT.
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6 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure,
7 highest commendations are conveyed to Mayor Sandy Stimpson
8 for his faithful and unwavering service to the citizens of
9 Mobile and its surrounding areas; and

10 WHEREAS, the City of Mobile's 108th Mayor, William
11 Sandy Stimpson, cast a bold mission for Mobile's citizens to
12 become One Mobile – a safer, more business-friendly and
13 family-friendly city – drawing on decades of experience in
14 private business and civic leadership; and

15 WHEREAS, Mayor Stimpson has proven that the greatest
16 level of success is achieved when everyone has a seat at the
17 table and collaboration is at the heart of government; and

18 WHEREAS, Mayor Stimpson's tenure has been marked by a
19 commitment to transparency, effectiveness, and efficiency,
20 as well as accomplishments that will have lasting positive
21 impacts in Mobile and beyond, including an unparalleled
22 reform of city finances; Mr. Stimpson reduced bonded
23 indebtedness by nearly \$210 million, drastically improved
24 the city's credit rating, established and maintained a
25 two-month rainy day reserve fund, made major investments
26 into critical infrastructure, and raised the compensation
27 for city employees to help with the recruiting and retention
28 of critical personnel like first responders; and



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29 WHEREAS, since assuming office in 2013, Mr. Stimpson
30 and his team have executed several transformative
31 initiatives, including an overhaul of Mobile's outdated
32 zoning code, the creation of a nationally recognized program
33 to reduce urban blight, a successful annexation effort that
34 made Mobile the second-largest city in Alabama, a
35 significant drop in major crimes across the city, and
36 unprecedented growth in economic development and new jobs
37 that will have a lasting impact on generations of Mobilians;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, under Mr. Stimpson's leadership, several
40 long-awaited projects have taken major steps forward,
41 including the new, state-of-the-art entertainment arena
42 currently under construction downtown; major investments in
43 Mobile's waterfront; the purchase of the Brookley by the Bay
44 property; the construction of a passenger air terminal in
45 downtown Mobile; and millions of dollars of investments in
46 parks, public facilities, and shared spaces across the City
47 of Mobile; and

48 WHEREAS, Mr. Stimpson is a man of profound faith, who
49 has put God's will at the center of everything his
50 administration has sought to do and believes that Mobile's
51 successes have been a direct answer to countless prayers
52 from Mobilians and believers around the country; and

53 WHEREAS, Mayor Stimpson attributes those successes to
54 the unwavering support of his family, including his beloved
55 wife Jean, their four children, and 14 beautiful
56 grandchildren; now therefore,



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57 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
58 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mayor Sandy Stimpson is
59 hereby commended and recognized for his faithful, selfless,
60 and effective service to his constituents, with sincere
61 appreciation for his efforts to improve the lives of
62 countless Alabamians in Mobile and beyond – all of whom owe
63 him a debt of gratitude that can never be fully repaid.