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HR COMMENDING JAMES SPANN FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS
DURING HIS FORTY-SEVEN-YEAR CAREER AS A BROADCAST
METEOROLOGIST.
WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, Chies
Meteorologist, James Spann, is highly commended for his man
achievements during his 47-year career serving the public a
a broadcast meteorologist; and
WHEREAS, James Spann holds a Certificate in Broadcas
Meteorology from Mississippi State University; he was
honored as one of the "Top 100 Outstanding Alumni" of the
Mississippi State Department of Geosciences in 2016; the
University of West Alabama conferred an honorary Doctor of
Laws degree in 2013; and
WHEREAS, during his outstanding career, Mr. Spann has
earned many awards and accolades, including being one of th
first weather anchors in the nation to earn "Certified
Broadcast Meteorologist" status from the American
Meteorological Society; the Seal of Approval from the
National Weather Association; national Broadcaster of the
Year by the National Weather Association and the Award for
Broadcast Meteorology by the American Meteorological
Society, two of the highest awards in the nation for a
broadcast meteorologist; multiple Emmy Awards; and the

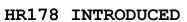
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30	WHEREAS, James Spann has been inducted into the Theta
31	Tau professional engineering fraternity Alumni Hall of Fame
32	and The University of Alabama College of Communication and
33	Information Sciences Hall of Fame; he also serves as
34	Chairman of the Boards of Grandview Medical Center; Trinity
35	Medical Center, Birmingham; and Baptist Medical Center
36	Montclair, Birmingham; a member of The University of Alabama
37	College of Communication and Information Sciences Board of
38	Visitors; he is a member of several professional
39	organizations including, the National Weather Association
40	and the American Meteorological Society; and
41	WHEREAS, Mr. Spann is an engaging and even
42	entertaining weatherman with a large social media following
43	and a reputation for high-quality and informative severe
44	weather forecasting; he is known to be calm and organized in
45	severe weather situations, keeping a cool head, even as he
46	broadcast during a tornado outbreak that swept over his own
47	home; he has spoken frequently at schools and civic
48	organizations on weather safety, awareness, and preparedness
49	initiatives; he was elected to the National Academy of
50	Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle representing
51	outstanding achievement spanning at least 25 years in the
52	broadcast industry with a proven record of mentoring and
53	community involvement; and
54	WHEREAS, James and his wife, Karen, have two sons;
55	the family worships at Double Oak Community Church in Mount
56	Laurel where he leads Children's Worshin every Sunday: now





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58	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
59	LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That James Spann is highly commended
60	for his many professional achievements during his 47-year
61	career as a broadcast meteorologist, and this resolution is
62	offered to him as evidence of our high regard and
63	appreciation for his life-saving efforts to bring severe
64	weather awareness and preparedness to the residents of North
65	Alabama and with best wishes for continued success,
66	prosperity, and blessings.