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4 HR\_\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING JAMES SPANN FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS  
5 DURING HIS FORTY-SEVEN-YEAR CAREER AS A BROADCAST  
6 METEOROLOGIST.

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8 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, Chief  
9 Meteorologist, James Spann, is highly commended for his many  
10 achievements during his 47-year career serving the public as  
11 a broadcast meteorologist; and

12 WHEREAS, James Spann holds a Certificate in Broadcast  
13 Meteorology from Mississippi State University; he was  
14 honored as one of the "Top 100 Outstanding Alumni" of the  
15 Mississippi State Department of Geosciences in 2016; the  
16 University of West Alabama conferred an honorary Doctor of  
17 Laws degree in 2013; and

18 WHEREAS, during his outstanding career, Mr. Spann has  
19 earned many awards and accolades, including being one of the  
20 first weather anchors in the nation to earn "Certified  
21 Broadcast Meteorologist" status from the American  
22 Meteorological Society; the Seal of Approval from the  
23 National Weather Association; national Broadcaster of the  
24 Year by the National Weather Association and the Award for  
25 Broadcast Meteorology by the American Meteorological  
26 Society, two of the highest awards in the nation for a  
27 broadcast meteorologist; multiple Emmy Awards; and the  
28 Federal Alliance for Safe Homes National Weather Person of



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29 the Year; and

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 Worship every Sunday; now



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57     therefore,

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.