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HR\_\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING JAMES BRADBERRY IV FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, highest commendations are conveyed to Alabama native son, James Bradberry IV, for his many professional achievements during his professional football career; and

WHEREAS, James Bradberry was a two-sport athlete at Pleasant Grove High School in Pleasant Grove, Alabama, playing varsity football and basketball; a three-year varsity letterman for the Spartans football team, James played cornerback and safety positions, earning all-metro and first team all-state honors; he was also team captain and was inducted into the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, James Bradberry first attended Arkansas State University, where he was assigned as a defensive back in his freshman season in 2011, during which he redshirted; he transferred to Samford University and joined the Bulldogs for the 2012 season, playing as a starting cornerback for all 11 games; his debut season totals included 32 tackles, including 22 solo stops and two interceptions, a performance that named him to the 2012 Southern Conference All-Freshmen team; he continued to stand out during his college career, gaining the attention of the Carolina Panthers who selected him in the second round of the 2016 NFL draft; and



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29           WHEREAS, the Panthers signed him to a four-year  
30 contract; during training camp in 2016, he competed for the  
31 job of starting cornerback and won that job alongside  
32 veteran, Bené Benwikere; he finished his rookie season with  
33 59 combined tackles, 10 pass deflections, and two  
34 interceptions in 13 games and 13 starts; he graded out as  
35 the top ranked rookie cornerback and the Panthers' top  
36 defensive back; the next year, he started in his first  
37 career playoff game and recorded eight combined tackles; he  
38 continued in his starting role for the next two seasons with  
39 the Panthers; and

40           WHEREAS, James Bradberry signed a three-year contract  
41 with the New York Giants in 2020 and was named the number  
42 one starting cornerback, paired with Corey Ballentine; at  
43 the end of his first season with the Giants, he earned his  
44 first Pro Bowl selection and was invited to play in the 2021  
45 Pro Bowl, and he was ranked 74th by his fellow players on  
46 the NFL Top 100 Players of 2021; he also finished the 2020  
47 season with 54 combined tackles, 18 passes defended, three  
48 interceptions, two forced fumbles, and one fumble recovery  
49 in 15 games and 15 starts; his next season, he started in  
50 all 17 games and finished with 47 combined tackles, 17  
51 passes defended, a career-high four interceptions, and two  
52 fumble recoveries; he was released from the Giants in May  
53 2022 and signed with the Philadelphia Eagles; and

54           WHEREAS, Bradberry made his debut with the Eagles in  
55 their season opener, during which he returned an  
56 interception thrown by Jared Goff to tight end T.J.



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57 Hockenson 27 yards for his first touchdown of his career; he  
58 started in all 17 games that season and finished with 44  
59 combined tackles, 17 passes defended, three interceptions,  
60 and one touchdown; the Eagles finished the 2022 NFL season  
61 with a 14-3 record to clinch a first-round bye; the team  
62 advanced through the playoffs to Super Bowl LVII, which he  
63 started, recording five combined tackles; the Eagles signed  
64 him to a three-year contract extension; in the 2023 season,  
65 he made 16 starts, 54 total tackles, one interception, 13  
66 passes defended, and one forced fumble; he suffered a leg  
67 injury before the 2024 season and was placed on injured  
68 reserve; he was able to become a Super Bowl Champion when  
69 the Eagles defeated the Chiefs in Super Bowl LIX; and

70 WHEREAS, James Bradberry returned home to Pleasant  
71 Grove High School for a ceremony where his Spartan jersey  
72 number 10 was retired on April 5, 2024; now therefore,

73 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
74 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That James Bradberry IV is highly  
75 commended and congratulated for his many career successes as  
76 an NFL athlete and this resolution is offered to him in  
77 highest tribute with best wishes for continued prosperity  
78 and success.