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HR_____ COMMENDING TIM GRABEN FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH
THE ROSALIE RESCUE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, it is with profound appreciation and deepest admiration that we commend Tim Graben for 50 years of distinguished public service and steadfast commitment to the residents of Jackson County through his work with Rosalie Rescue Squad and Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Tim Graben's journey with the Rosalie Rescue Squad is a testament to lifelong community service; starting as a young boy roaming the streets on a bicycle, he has become a cornerstone of emergency services in the Rosalie community; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Tim began volunteering at just 12 years of age when he was recruited by local Boy Scout leaders; three years prior, he was known for helping his father repair a neighbor's roof following a tornado; and

WHEREAS, as a youth, Tim used his high energy to track missing persons in areas that adults could not reach; he later specialized in water searches, mastering boat navigation and motor maintenance on the Tennessee River; and

WHEREAS, when Rosalie established its first fire department in 1972, Tim was an early volunteer; more than 50 years later, he remains active with the Tri-Community Fire Department; over the years, Tim has held a variety of



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29 high-ranking positions, including Co-Captain, First
30 Lieutenant, and currently, Second Lieutenant over Water
31 Operations; and

32 WHEREAS, Tim is described as a "handyman" for the
33 squad, utilizing a wide range of practical skills; he
34 maintains the squad's buildings and ensures boats and
35 vehicles are rescue-ready; he has also pursued extensive
36 education in rope rescue, tracking, and advanced water
37 rescue techniques; and

38 WHEREAS, Tim's influence extends far beyond his own
39 work; he is a dedicated supporter of community events, from
40 working roadblocks to staying up all night smoking barbecue
41 for fundraisers; his involvement in fire and rescue has also
42 inspired a family tradition of service, with his brother,
43 sisters, children, and grandchildren following his lead to
44 join the squad; and

45 WHEREAS, after 50 years of service, Tim remains a
46 vital asset to his hometown, helping to make his "corner of
47 the world" a better place; his dedication and commitment to
48 Rosalie set an example for all to follow; now therefore,

49 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
50 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby most highly commend
51 Tim Graben for faithful devotion to his community as a
52 member of Rosalie Rescue and Fire Department, and we extend
53 to him our heartfelt gratitude and sincere best wishes for
54 continued health, happiness, and fulfillment in his future
55 endeavors.