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3 By Representatives Wilcox, Williams (JW), Sessions, Clarke,  
4 Buskey, Bracy, Drummond, Gaston, Pringle and Davis  
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8 COMMENDING PERCY HARRIS ON BEING NAMED 2017 CITIZEN  
9 OF THE YEAR BY SOUTHWEST MOBILE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE .

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and honors are herein  
12 presented to Mr. Percy Harris on his selection as 2017  
13 SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the  
14 Year; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris joined the City of Mobile Fire  
16 and Rescue in 1987 and has been active with the Fire  
17 Department for 30 years; and

18 WHEREAS, his first outreach with the Fire Department  
19 resulted in his raising \$2,000 in contributions for Muscular  
20 Dystrophy and Jerry's Kids; and

21 WHEREAS, under his leadership, his team won the  
22 "Golden Axe Award" two years In a row; the award is given to  
23 the Fire Department that collects the most money in the state;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris has been involved with THE Boy  
26 Scouts Troop 600 at Aimwell Baptist Church for many years; his  
27 troop has produced seven Eagle Scouts; and

1           WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the Mobile  
2 Fire Department, Mr. Harris serves as Associate Pastor of  
3 Aimwell Baptist Church, works with the American Red Cross,  
4 where he is a board member, Catholic Social Services, Heroes  
5 Helping Heroes, the Salvation Army Community Emergency  
6 Response Team, and Crisis Intervention Center; and

7           WHEREAS, Mr. Harris, who attended Alabama  
8 International Seminary, is a Master Chaplain responsible for  
9 training and mentoring Chaplains across the state; and

10           WHEREAS, his most recent endeavor has been assisting  
11 "Heroes Helping Heroes" to raise funds for Breast Cancer  
12 research at the Mitchell Center; this project supports and  
13 provides resources for free exams and treatment, in addition  
14 to providing support for Project Faith, American Cancer  
15 Society, Springhill Memorial Breast Cancer Center, and  
16 Providence Hospital "Breast Friends"; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Harris is certain that God placed him  
18 here on earth to help others and that's his job and his  
19 purpose; now thereforE,

20           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition and gratitude  
22 for outstanding service to the citizens of Mobile, and upon  
23 receipt of the 2017 SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of  
24 Commerce Citizen of the Year Award, we hereby most highly  
25 honor and commend Mrs. Percy Harris to whom a copy of this  
26 resolution shall be provided with tribute and esteem.