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8 COMMENDING THOMAS HINDS FOR 27 YEARS OF CONDUCTING
9 THE MONTGOMERY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

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11 WHEREAS, one score and seven years ago, Thomas Hinds
12 brought to the City of Montgomery a new aspiration, dedicated
13 to the proposition that the State of Alabama deserved the
14 finest quality of musical performance available to audiences
15 anywhere on the continent; and

16 WHEREAS, Maestro Hinds became Music Director and
17 Conductor of the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra in 1983 and
18 provided the inspirational leadership which transformed the
19 group into a professional ensemble that has brought joy to
20 thousands of appreciative listeners; and

21 WHEREAS, his education began in North Carolina,
22 where he was a National Merit Scholar in high school, followed
23 by earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from the
24 University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in 1970; from
25 1972-1982, he was a professional bassoonist with the Alabama
26 Symphony, and he taught bassoon at The University of Alabama
27 from 1972-1974 and at Samford University from 1974-1976; and

1 WHEREAS, Maestro Hinds received his training as a
2 professional conductor in acclaimed venues, including the
3 Aspen Music Festival, the Boris Goldovsky Opera Institute, the
4 Pierre Monteux Domaine School under the direction of Charles
5 Bruck, the American Conductors' Guild Institute, and the
6 Munich Philharmonic Conductors' Course under the direction of
7 Sergiu Celibidache, where he was one of only 12 selected from
8 the 140 participants to conduct the Munich Philharmonic; and

9 WHEREAS, he was Music Director and Conductor with
10 the Johnson City Tennessee Symphony from 1982-1984 and Music
11 Director and Conductor of the Gadsden Symphony Orchestra,
12 1992-2001; in addition, he has guest-conducted the Red
13 Mountain Chamber Orchestra in Birmingham, the Fort Worth Texas
14 Civic Orchestra, the Birmingham Opera, the Southern Regional
15 Opera Company, the Birmingham Metropolitan Orchestra, the
16 Birmingham Creative Dance Group, and the Brisbane Australia
17 Conservatory Orchestra; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1990, Maestro Hinds was recognized for
19 his early work with the Montgomery Symphony when he received a
20 Music Fellowship from the Alabama State Council on the Arts,
21 and he also received statewide recognition in May 2007 when he
22 was awarded one of four Governor's Arts Awards from the
23 Alabama State Council of the Arts; and

24 WHEREAS, Maestro Hinds is exceptionally talented and
25 energetic, with a remarkable ability to inspire other
26 musicians to reach their full potential; music pervades his

1 life, and he is married to Katerina Juraskova, a professional
2 cellist; and

3 WHEREAS, since his arrival in Montgomery, Maestro
4 Hinds has been a celebrated ambassador of music in the central
5 Alabama area and beyond; under his baton, the Montgomery
6 Symphony Orchestra has far exceeded the expectations of a
7 community orchestra, and the music lovers of Montgomery now
8 trumpet his praise wherever they travel, assuring everyone
9 they meet that Montgomery, Alabama, has a symphony orchestra
10 unsurpassed anywhere in the nation; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Thomas Hinds is honored and
13 commended, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute
14 and deepest appreciation to him in recognition of 27
15 illustrious years as Music Director and Conductor of the
16 Montgomery Symphony Orchestra, along with best wishes in all
17 future endeavors.