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8 COMMENDING TOM AND REGINA BROGDEN WRIGHT FOR
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein conveyed
12 to Tom and Regina Brogden Wright in recognition of their
13 outstanding accomplishments and dedicated service during
14 exemplary careers in journalism dating back to the early
15 1960s; and

16 WHEREAS, both are retiring from The Decatur Daily,
17 Mr. Wright as executive editor and Mrs. Wright as metro
18 editor; they met while working at the News Bureau of The
19 University of Alabama during turbulent times, including the
20 events surrounding the 1963 integration of the university by
21 James Hood and Vivian Malone; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Wright progressed from his university
23 days to a coveted internship at The Atlanta
24 Journal-Constitution, and subsequently to a position as
25 managing editor of The Talladega Daily Home; and

26 WHEREAS, the era was marked by a disparity in
27 opportunities for women journalists, and Mrs. Wright took a

1 temporary detour from her newspaper ambition, working for the
2 United Way and the Department of Pensions and Security until
3 joining her husband at The Talladega Daily Home, where both
4 became known as aggressive and courageous journalists; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1979, the Wrights joined The Decatur
6 Daily, where he was hired as executive editor and she began as
7 a reporter, becoming an editor in 1985 and specializing in
8 training reporters on how to pursue a story; under the
9 couple's expertise and leadership, The Decatur Daily has won
10 awards for public service, features, and spot news; and

11 WHEREAS, through the years, the Wrights have earned
12 respect for their exceptional abilities and tireless
13 commitment to finding and publishing the truth, despite all
14 the obstacles and sometimes at great personal peril; and

15 WHEREAS, as retirement beckons, Mr. and Mrs. Wright
16 plan to take a break from the news business and spend time
17 with their two daughters and five grandchildren; now
18 therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Tom and Regina Brogden Wright
21 are honored and commended, and this resolution is offered in
22 highest tribute to them as they begin their well-deserved
23 retirement after more than three decades with The Decatur
24 Daily and almost half a century dedicated to the ideals of
25 journalism.