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8 COMMENDING BRIAN HILSON FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT  
9 AND DEDICATED SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Brian  
12 Hilson is recognized for his distinguished service to  
13 Huntsville, Madison County, and the State of Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Hilson has announced his resignation as  
15 president and CEO of the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of  
16 Commerce, a position he has held since 1997, having joined the  
17 chamber in 1992 as senior vice president for economic  
18 development; and

19 WHEREAS, for almost two decades, he has been a  
20 driving force in the area's outstanding economic success as  
21 Madison County has led Alabama in industrial jobs growth  
22 almost every year, with a total of 61,000 jobs and \$4.4  
23 billion in capital improvements; Mr. Hilson has been a key  
24 player in attracting major corporations, new businesses, and  
25 expansions; and

26 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Madison County's  
27 unemployment rate has consistently been among the state's

lowest, while the county has often been cited in the national "Top 10" listings for categories such as best place to live, work, start a business, or weather the economy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hilson is scheduled to become president and CEO of the Birmingham Business Alliance, a position that will enable him to continue to serve the people of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, through the years and in all his endeavors, Mr. Hilson has earned respect for his vision, exceptional abilities, and tireless dedication; he will be greatly missed by colleagues and friends in Madison County, who wish him well as he embarks upon the next stage of his exemplary career; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on the occasion of his resignation as president and CEO of the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce and in recognition of his many outstanding achievements and dedicated service, highest commendation is herein extended to Brian Hilson, for whom a copy of this resolution is provided as evidence of our sincere appreciation and admiration.