

1 HR329  
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3 By Representative Hill  
4 RFD:  
5 First Read: 18-APR-13

8 COMMENDING JOHN R. ELLISON.  
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10 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations  
11 are herein proudly presented to John R. Ellison for  
12 outstanding service to the emergency services and public  
13 safety field; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Ellison contributes exceptional  
15 direction as President and owner of Ellison 911 Consulting,  
16 LLC and provides professional services in a number of segments  
17 of the 9-1-1 and emergency response sector; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Ellison had a distinguished career with  
19 the Shelby County Alabama 9-1-1 Center from 1990 to 2011;  
20 during his tenure, he served as the agency's first Executive  
21 Director, a position in which he was responsible for all  
22 aspects of starting a new 9-1-1 system, coordinated an upgrade  
23 of the equipment at the 9-1-1 center, and directed a move to a  
24 new facility in 1999, which included construction and purchase  
25 of new equipment; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Ellison embarked upon his public safety  
27 career at the Pelham Police Department as a patrol officer in

1                   1976; while serving as a Sergeant, he supervised the  
2                   dispatchers and became interested in that aspect of public  
3                   safety; he programmed the agency's first computer based  
4                   records system and administered the local area network for the  
5                   entire city and he served as a guest instructor at the State  
6                   Police Academy, teaching courses in traffic radar operation,  
7                   photography, and various computer applications; he held the  
8                   rank of lieutenant and was in charge of all uniformed patrol  
9                   officers when he left the department in 1990 to become the  
10                  County's 9-1-1 Director; and

11                  WHEREAS, Mr. Ellison has served the Alabama Chapter  
12                  of the National Emergency Number Association, of which he was  
13                  a founding member, as 2nd Vice President and President and  
14                  chaired the first Gulf Coast Regional NENA Conference; he has  
15                  remained active through committees and special task forces; he  
16                  served on the evaluation committee of the Alabama Next  
17                  Generation Emergency Network (ANGEN) and has been a frequent  
18                  speaker at conferences and meetings to explain ANGEN to the  
19                  9-1-1 community; Mr. Ellison has garnered a number of awards  
20                  for his work with professional organizations; and

21                  WHEREAS, Mr. Ellison's unwavering commitment to  
22                  excellence and magnanimous contributions to the emergency  
23                  services and public safety field reflect honor upon the entire  
24                  State of Alabama; through the years, he has earned immense  
25                  respect for his tireless dedication and exceptional abilities,  
26                  and he is truly deserving of special recognition; now  
27                  therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
2 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That John R. Ellison is highly  
3 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to him  
4 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere  
5 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.