

1 HR362
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3 By Representatives Fridy and Mooney
4 RFD:
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8 COMMENDING FIRE CHIEF DANNY RAY FOR OUTSTANDING
9 ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATED SERVICE.
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11 WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to extend highest
12 commendation to Fire Chief Danny Ray in recognition of his
13 outstanding achievements and dedicated service during 38 years
14 with the Pelham Fire Department; and

15 WHEREAS, Chief Ray's service to the community
16 follows an honorable family tradition; his father was a
17 co-founder of Pelham's volunteer fire department in the 1960's
18 and later served with distinction as the fire chief; and

19 WHEREAS, he has fond memories of growing up around
20 his dad's station in the 1970's and recalls that before
21 24-hour dispatch services were available the night calls were
22 transferred to his family home, where he and his family would
23 answer dispatch calls through the night; around the age of 15,
24 Chief Ray began going on dispatch calls and driving fire
25 trucks; and

26 WHEREAS, Chief Ray embarked upon his exemplary
27 career as a junior volunteer firefighter in 1972 and a

1 full-time firefighter with the Pelham Fire Department in 1979;
2 over the years he rose through the ranks until the peak of his
3 selfless career, when he was appointed the fire chief by
4 former Pelham Mayor, Don Murphy, eight years ago, where he
5 supervised a department with nearly 80 people and five fire
6 stations; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Ray holds an associate Applied
8 Science Degree in Fire Science Management from Shelton State
9 Community College and he graduated summa cum laude from Athens
10 State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public
11 Safety Administration; he holds 12 levels of certification
12 from the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards and
13 Education Commission, is a basic and advanced life support
14 instructor from the American Heart Association, and is
15 qualified as a medical unit leader with the USDA Forest
16 Service; and

17 WHEREAS, a devoted husband, Chief Ray is married to
18 Robin Ray, and upon her retirement in three years, the couple
19 plans to build a home on Lay Lake; he looks forward to
20 enjoying fishing, traveling, and riding his motorcycle; and

21 WHEREAS, through the years, he has earned respect
22 for his extraordinary abilities and tireless dedication to his
23 community and this state; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Fire Chief Danny Ray is
26 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered in
27 highest tribute and deepest appreciation to him as he begins

1 his well-earned retirement after 38 years of outstanding
2 achievement and dedicated service with the Pelham Fire
3 Department.