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4 HJR\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING JOSEPH BERNARD HAMPTON, THE FIRST BLACK  
5 MAN TO LEAD A MAJOR UTILITY COMPANY IN ALABAMA.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with immense pleasure that we commend  
8 Mr. Joseph Bernard Hampton for his outstanding professional  
9 achievements; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton is the first Black man to lead a  
11 major utility company in the State of Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, the son of Joseph and Lula Hampton, Mr.  
13 Hampton and his sisters, Phyllis and Deborah, were reared in  
14 Pratt City, Alabama, now an incorporated community of  
15 Birmingham, Alabama, where they were members of the  
16 Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton is a graduate of Arthur Harold  
18 Parker High School where he played football, basketball, and  
19 sang in the choir; he holds degrees in Physics from Stillman  
20 College and Engineering from The University of Alabama both  
21 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton began his career at Alabama Gas  
23 Company in 1992 at the age of 18, where he was exposed to a  
24 management training program that allowed him to move around  
25 the State of Alabama eight times and serve in leadership  
26 roles; he worked and lived in the Alabama cities of  
27 Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, Montgomery, Anniston, Selma, and  
28 Auburn, and in Kansas City, Missouri, prior to becoming

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29 Director of Operations in 2014 when Alagasco was acquired by  
30 Spire; and

31 WHEREAS, in December 2018, Mr. Hampton was promoted  
32 to President of Spire Incorporated, a public utility company  
33 based in St. Louis, Missouri, that provides natural gas  
34 services to millions of homes and businesses across Alabama,  
35 Mississippi, and Missouri; and

36 WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton and his wife, Jenise, have been  
37 married for 20 years, and they have two sons, Joseph III,  
38 age 14, and Jonathan, age 12; now therefore,

39 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
40 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we honor Joseph Bernard  
41 Hampton for his distinguished career and his contribution to  
42 the prosperity of the State of Alabama.