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By Representatives Whitt, Crawford, Rigsby, Lomax, Whorton, Moore (P), Hall, Reynolds, Daniels

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HR____ COMMENDING JERRY HAYES FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are proudly presented to Jerry Hayes on the occasion of his retirement as News Anchor for WHNT-TV, WHDF-TV, and Nextar Media Group, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Hayes is in his 44th year at WHNT News 19; he joined the team in March of 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes was born in Nashville, Tennessee; while working on his college degree at Middle Tennessee State University, he landed an internship at WTVF, the CBS affiliate in Nashville; after graduation, Mr. Hayes was hired as Chief Videotape Editor in the News Department; in the fall of 1978, he moved to Huntsville, and was hired by WHNT as a reporter, but within a couple of weeks he began producing and anchoring the weekend newscasts; he now co-anchors the 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. newscasts on weeknights with Christine Killimayer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes has been honored with numerous awards during his journalistic career; he is a six-time recipient of the Alabama Associated Press Television Award for Best News Anchor and a three-time Alabama Broadcasting Association Anchor of the Year; he is a nine-time Emmy nominee and a two-time winner; in 2010, he was inducted by the Nashville/Midsouth Chapter into the National Academy of

Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle for contributions to the television industry of 25 years or more in broadcasting; in 2012, he won an ABBY Award for his feature story, "A Father's Love"; and in 2013, Mr. Hayes was honored with a Region 12 Edward R. Murrow Award for Best Sports Reporting; and

WHEREAS, when Mr. Hayes is not working, he loves spending time with family, especially with his grandchildren; he also loves to fish, play golf, and watch the Tennessee Titans and Nashville Predators; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mr. Jerry Hayes is honored and commended on the occasion of his retirement as News 19 Anchor, and this resolution is offered to him in highest tribute, as well as with sincere best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.