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3 By Representatives Marques, Simpson, Sorrells, Allen,  
4 Lipscomb, Bedsole, Stadthagen, Kiel, Robertson, Isbell, Jones  
5 (M) and Sells  
6 RFD:  
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3                   COMMENDING CHIEF BYRON HERRING FOR OUTSTANDING  
4 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.  
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6                   WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in  
7 extending highest commendation to Fire Chief Byron Herring of  
8 Enterprise, Alabama, for his outstanding record of  
9 professional achievement with the Enterprise Fire Department  
10 spanning almost half a century of contributions and service as  
11 a firefighter, risking his own life and safety on a daily  
12 basis to serve and save others; and

13                   WHEREAS, a native of Enterprise, Alabama, Chief  
14 Herring was born to Ray and Lillie Herring and grew up on the  
15 family farm; he is a 1971 graduate of Enterprise High School;  
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17                   WHEREAS, Chief Herring joined the Enterprise Fire  
18 Department in October 1973 and moved upward through the ranks  
19 in his years of service; after only four years, he was elected  
20 Lieutenant then rose to the rank of Captain in 1983, and was  
21 elected Chief of the Department in 1993, a position he has  
22 held until his retirement in May 2021; and

23                   WHEREAS, in addition to his career with the  
24 Enterprise Fire Department, Chief Herring has been the city's  
25 Safety Officer; he is a founding member and former Chief of

1 the Battens Volunteer Fire Department; he is also a founding  
2 member and former President and Vice President of the Coffee  
3 County Firefighters Association; he has served on the Board of  
4 Directors and as Treasurer for the Southeast Fire District  
5 Six; he is a member of the Southeast Fire Chiefs Association,  
6 International Fire Chiefs Association, and Alabama Fire Chiefs  
7 Association; in 2018, he was named Alabama Fire Chiefs  
8 Association Chief of the Year and was recognized as the  
9 longest serving career fire chief in the state; and

10 WHEREAS, under his leadership the Enterprise Fire  
11 Department is ranked in the top two percent of fire  
12 departments in the United States; through Chief Herring's  
13 judicious guidance, the Enterprise Fire Department has made  
14 monumental strides, including integrating Emergency Medical  
15 Services, planning and building of two new fire stations,  
16 almost doubling the number of the city's firefighters;  
17 outfitting the station equipment with state-of-the-art  
18 equipment, maintaining proper training and mandated safety  
19 regulations, and providing expert leadership and strength of  
20 character during times of intense large scale fires,  
21 hurricanes, and devastating tornadoes; and

22 WHEREAS, in times of crisis, there is no greater  
23 comfort than the knowledge that firefighters like Chief  
24 Herring are protecting us; known among family, co-workers, and

1 friends as a man of strong faith, he is willing to give  
2 unselfishly of his time and resources to assist others; and

3 WHEREAS, with the loving support of his wife,  
4 Martha, their children, Phillip and Christina, and their  
5 grandchildren, Alexis, Austin, and Hanna, Chief Herring's  
6 illustrious career is replete with accomplishments benefiting  
7 the citizens of the State of Alabama; with fairness,  
8 integrity, fervor, compassion, and consistency in his  
9 commitment to public service, he has earned the respect and  
10 gratitude of his fellow professionals and countless  
11 Alabamians; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Chief Byron  
14 Herring for his years of dedication and unselfish service to  
15 his community, and this resolution is given in deepest  
16 admiration and appreciation, and along with sincere best  
17 wishes for all future endeavors.

