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3 By Representative Sanderford
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING WILLIAM C. PIPPIN FOR OUTSTANDING
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, William C. Pippin has rendered
12 extraordinary service to Huntsville Utilities, an electric,
13 water, and natural gas utility serving the City of Huntsville
14 and Madison County since July of 1985 and has served as its
15 Vice President of Operations, Vice President of Administrative
16 Services, and, for the last 21 years, the President and Chief
17 Executive Officer; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Pippin has displayed exceptional
19 leadership, guiding Huntsville Utilities through several
20 periods of explosive customer growth and fundamental change,
21 preparing and positioning Huntsville Utilities for the future,
22 and has lead Huntsville Utilities' employees and customers
23 through a number of adverse weather events including the
24 Airport Road Tornado of 1989, the Blizzard of March 1993, Ice
25 Storms in 1994 and 1996, and the Tornado Outbreak in April
26 2011; and

1 WHEREAS, during his singular tenure, both as to
2 longevity and distinction, as President and CEO of Huntsville
3 Utilities, Mr. Pippin has dealt skillfully and knowledgeably
4 with elected and appointed officials at all levels, has
5 represented Huntsville Utilities at meetings of the Huntsville
6 City Council and other governing bodies on a regular basis to
7 address and promote issues and concerns of Huntsville
8 Utilities and the utility industry, and has dealt adeptly with
9 legislators, executives and TVA officials and other industry
10 figures on behalf of Huntsville Utilities; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Pippin has served the utility industry
12 admirably for over 40 years in a number of different roles
13 including: the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association's
14 (TVPPA) Board of Directors, TVPPA Rates and Contracts
15 Committee, TVPPA Power Supply Committee, TVPPA Regional
16 Transmission Organization Task Force, TVPPA Valley Energy
17 Board, TVPPA Government Relations Committee, member of the
18 Seven States Energy Corporation, representing Huntsville
19 Utilities with the Big 8 distributors in the Tennessee Valley,
20 Electric Cities of Alabama's Executive Committee and Board of
21 Directors, President of the North Alabama Public Power
22 Association, and Chairman of the North Alabama Industrial
23 Development Association, and he was awarded the Richard C.
24 Crawford Distinguished Service Award by TVPPA in 2012; and

25 WHEREAS, under Mr. Pippin's leadership, Huntsville
26 Utilities has been acknowledged numerous times for efforts
27 with safety concerns and operational excellence through

1 industry awards and recognitions by organizations including
2 the Business Council of Alabama, the American Public Power
3 Association, the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association,
4 the American Public Gas Association, the National Safety
5 Council, the American Water Works Association, the Alabama
6 Department of Environmental Management, the U.S. Environmental
7 Protection Agency, the Alabama Department of Industrial
8 Relations, and the Tennessee Valley Authority; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Pippin has served the Huntsville
10 Community honorably as a member of the Huntsville Rotary Club,
11 member and past president of the Heart of the Valley YMCA,
12 Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce Board of
13 Directors, Chairman of that Chamber's Industry Appreciation
14 Committee and a member of the Executive Committee, Huntsville
15 Botanical Garden Advisory Board, and four-time Co-Chair of the
16 Huntsville-Madison County March of Dimes; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Pippin has demonstrated deft ability to
18 work harmoniously with the Electric Utility Board, the Water
19 Utility Board, and the Natural Gas Utility Board while
20 providing strong executive leadership for the management of
21 the combined enterprise which operates as Huntsville
22 Utilities; and

23 WHEREAS, the length and quality of William C.
24 Pippin's service to Huntsville Utilities and the extraordinary
25 manner in which he has gained acclaim for himself and for
26 Huntsville Utilities in the fields of electricity, water, and
27 natural gas service can be characterized as truly exceptional

1 and unparalleled among utility chief executives in the United
2 States; and

3 WHEREAS, employees, Board members, TVA officials,
4 fellow utility executives and countless other colleagues have
5 expressed their respect and affection for Mr. Pippin upon his
6 retirement; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby extend sincere and
9 grateful appreciation to William C. Pippin for his dedicated
10 service to Huntsville Utilities, the City of Huntsville,
11 Madison County, and the State of Alabama, as well as
12 congratulations on a well-earned retirement and best wishes on
13 continued success, good health, and happiness in all future
14 endeavors.