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3 By Representatives McCutcheon, Ball, Taylor, Hinshaw, Williams
4 (P), Hall and Sanderford
5 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING CHIEF HENRY J. REYES FOR PROFESSIONAL
9 ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATED SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a great privilege and pleasure to
12 extend highest commendation to Chief Henry J. Reyes in
13 recognition of more than 30 years of dedicated service to the
14 Huntsville Police Department; and

15 WHEREAS, he has announced his retirement, having
16 served with distinction as Police Chief since February 2007,
17 after an outstanding career that began in September 1979 as a
18 Police Officer; through the years, he moved steadily up the
19 ranks to Police Sergeant, Lieutenant, Police Captain, and
20 Deputy Police Chief; and February 2007 to the present); and

21 WHEREAS, as Police Chief, he has commanded the
22 overall daily operations of 419 sworn police officers and 209
23 support personnel, responsible for planing, directing,
24 managing, and overseeing operations including field operations
25 and patrol, criminal investigations, communications, training
26 programs, parking enforcement, school crossings, management
27 services, grants administration, and records management; and

1 WHEREAS, among his numerous accomplishments, he is
2 credited with reducing traffic fatalities by 47 percent and
3 traffic crashes by 33 percent through the Traffic Crash
4 Reduction Program; in addition, he enhanced technology by
5 adding a digital in-car camera system, an automated traffic
6 citation system, and an automated crash reporting system;
7 under his leadership, the department achieved reaccreditation
8 by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement
9 Agencies; he expanded Community Policing to include
10 neighborhood initiatives in each Precinct; and

11 WHEREAS, Chief Reyes also served his country with
12 honor and distinction as an Active Duty Sergeant in the United
13 States Marine Corps from 1973-1977 and as an Alabama National
14 Guard Officer from the rank of Lieutenant in 1982 to his
15 current rank of Colonel; and

16 WHEREAS, his educational credentials include: Master
17 of Strategic Studies, United States Army War College, 2004,
18 and two degrees from the University of Alabama in Huntsville,
19 Master of Arts in Public Administration and Bachelor of
20 Science in Business Administration and Criminal Justice; and

21 WHEREAS, Chief Reyes has held leadership roles in a
22 number of professional associations including the
23 International Counter Terrorism Officers Association and the
24 National Children's Advocacy Center; he is active in community
25 organizations such as the Huntsville Rotary Club and serves on
26 the Board of Directors of Huntsville/Madison County
27 Leadership; and

1 WHEREAS, through the years and in all his endeavors,
2 he has earned widespread respect for his exceptional
3 capabilities and dedicated service; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Chief Henry J. Reyes of the
6 Huntsville Police Department is honored and commended, and
7 this resolution is offered in highest tribute and deepest
8 appreciation to him as he begins his well-earned retirement
9 after more than 30 exemplary years with the Department.