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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
COMMENDING CHIEF HENRY J. REYES FOR PROFESSIONAL
ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATED SERVICE.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, among his numerous accomplishments, he is
credited with reducing traffic fatalities by 47 percent and
traffic crashes by 33 percent through the Traffic Crash

1 Reduction Program; in addition, he enhanced technology by
2 adding a digital in-car camera system, an automated traffic
3 citation system, and an automated crash reporting system;
4 under his leadership, the department achieved reaccreditation
5 by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement
6 Agencies; he expanded Community Policing to include
7 neighborhood initiatives in each Precinct; and

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

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

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

