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3 By Representative Irons
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8 COMMENDING LIEUTENANT CLEVELAND WATKINS FOR
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to extend highest
12 commendation to Lieutenant Cleveland Watkins for his
13 outstanding record of achievement and public service during a
14 distinguished career with the Alabama State Department of
15 Revenue; and

16 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Watkins has announced his
17 retirement in January 2010, an event greeted with dismay and
18 regret by admiring colleagues who have worked with him on a
19 day-to-day basis and have witnessed his commitment to the
20 citizens of the State of Alabama; and

21 WHEREAS, after being hired by the State of Alabama
22 in 1973, Lieutenant Watkins made history in 1975 by becoming
23 the first Black State Trooper in Perry County; after some
24 years, he transferred to Lauderdale County, where he held the
25 distinction of being the first Black radio dispatcher; in
26 1985, he transferred to the State of Alabama Department of
27 Revenue, where he completed his active duty; and

1 WHEREAS, through the years and in all his endeavors,
2 he has earned widespread respect for his exceptional abilities
3 and tireless dedication; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
5 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Lieutenant Cleveland Watkins
6 is honored and commended for more than 35 years of exemplary
7 service, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute and
8 deepest appreciation to him on the occasion of his well-earned
9 retirement from his position with the Alabama State Department
10 of Revenue.