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8 COMMENDING LT. COLONEL ARTHUR GRAVES FOR HIS
9 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendations that we
12 proudly recognize United States Air Force Lieutenant Colonel
13 Arthur Graves for his outstanding service in the military and
14 his professional achievements in the community; and

15 WHEREAS, a native son of Tuscumbia, he is a graduate
16 of Trenholm High School; he earned a bachelor's degree from
17 Tuskegee University, a master's degree from Tennessee State
18 University, and an Ed.S. degree from the University of North
19 Alabama; and

20 WHEREAS, a World War II veteran, Lt. Col. Graves
21 received his AFROTC commission from Tuskegee Institute in 1949
22 and entered active service in 1951; he served at Hondo AFB,
23 Reese AFB, and Laredo AFB in Texas, Maxwell AFB and Brookley
24 AFB in Alabama, Eglin AFB in Florida, Moulin's AFB in France,
25 Daharan AFB in Saudi Arabia, Clark AFB in the Philippine

1 Islands, and the Southern Command Headquarters in the Panama
2 Canal Zone; and

3 WHEREAS, his exceptional career as an educator began
4 in 1949, when he began teaching at the Old Courtland Colored
5 High School and later taught at Decatur High School, he
6 retired from his career in education after teaching at the
7 University of North Alabama; he is the husband of a retired
8 educator, Jean Long Graves, and the father of a professor at
9 the University of North Alabama, Dr. Lisa Graves Minor; an
10 attorney in Huntsville, Kenneth Graves; and an attorney and
11 author in Atlanta, Georgia; Sherri Graves-Smith; and

12 WHEREAS, before entering the military while he lived
13 in Lawrence County, Lt. Col. Graves began working for his
14 uncle, George Reynolds, at Reynolds Funeral Home in Decatur;
15 he later became an entrepreneur and is now the owner and
16 operator of Thompson and Sons Funeral Home in Tuscumbia; and

17 WHEREAS, through the years, Lt. Col. Arthur Graves
18 has earned profound admiration and respect for his exceptional
19 abilities and unwavering commitment to the nation and to the
20 defense of freedom and democracy in addition to his remarkable
21 tenure as an educator, enriching the lives and minds of
22 countless students; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we highly commend and honor
25 Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Graves for his outstanding service
26 and professional achievements in education and in the

1 military, and by copy of this resolution we offer our
2 heartiest congratulations, as well as our deepest admiration
3 and appreciation, along with our sincere best wishes for
4 continued success in all future endeavors.