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3 By Representatives Davis, Faust, Shiver, Baker and McMillan  
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8 RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
9 MANAGEMENT FOR HAVING TWO WATER SYSTEMS WIN THE 2009 REGION IV  
10 SAFE DRINKING WATER EXCELLENCE AWARDS FROM THE UNITED STATES  
11 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

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13 WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Environmental  
14 Management was established in 1982 to protect and improve the  
15 quality of Alabama's environment and the health of all its  
16 citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, ADEM administers all major federal  
18 environmental laws, including the Clean Air, Clean Water, and  
19 Safe Drinking Water Acts and federal solid and hazardous waste  
20 laws; and

21 WHEREAS, ADEM monitors environmental conditions in  
22 Alabama and recommends changes in state law or revises  
23 regulations as needed to respond appropriately to changing  
24 environmental conditions; and

25 WHEREAS, ADEM works closely with more than 700 water  
26 systems in Alabama that provide safe drinking water to four  
27 million citizens; and

1                   WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection  
2 Agency selected two water systems under ADEM's supervision for  
3 the 2009 Region IV Safe Drinking Water Excellence Award; and

4                   WHEREAS, Alabama water systems were given two of  
5 only three awards in the eight southeastern states comprising  
6 EPA Region IV (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky,  
7 Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee);  
8 and

9                   WHEREAS, the award's criteria include compliance  
10 with federal and state drinking water standards and  
11 regulations, sanitary survey results, overall administrative  
12 management, operations and maintenance, and quality customer  
13 service; now therefore,

14                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we proudly recognize the  
16 Alabama Department of Environmental Management for having two  
17 water systems receive this prestigious national award, and by  
18 copy of this resolution to the department, we convey our  
19 highest esteem and appreciation.