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8 COMMENDING CHANCE PAYNE FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to Firefighter/Advanced EMT Chance Payne for
13 outstanding professional achievement; and

14 WHEREAS, on July 9, 2018, Firefighter/Advanced EMT
15 Chance Payne responded to the report of a structure fire
16 within the fire coverage response area of Susan Moore Fire and
17 Rescue Service; when he arrived he encountered smoke and fire
18 coming from the structure and began to establish fire ground
19 operations; working alone, Firefighter Payne donned full
20 Personal Protective Gear and SCBA, in order to extinguish the
21 fire; and

22 WHEREAS, before mutual aid backup arrived,
23 Firefighter Payne entered the residence encountering near zero
24 visibility, which placed him in extreme risk of injury or
25 death to save the life of the victim located inside;
26 Firefighter Payne was able to locate and carry the victim to
27 safety; and

1 WHEREAS, when mutual aid arrived, Firefighter Payne
2 and another firefighter entered the residence to conduct a
3 search for a second victim, who was also rescued from the
4 structure; and

5 WHEREAS, Firefighter Payne's actions on that day not
6 only saved the lives of two individuals, his attention to
7 detail ultimately gave investigators the needed information
8 that led to an arrest citing arson as the cause of the fire;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Firefighter Payne exhibited outstanding
11 bravery above and beyond that expected in the line of duty and
12 had it not been for his actions, the victims would have
13 perished; by entering the burning house without backup, he
14 exhibited exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness,
15 presence of mind and an unusual swiftness of action,
16 regardless of his personal safety, in an attempt to protect
17 human life; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Firefighter/Advanced EMT
20 Chance Payne is highly honored and commended, and this
21 resolution is offered to him in deepest admiration and
22 appreciation for his immeasurable service, as well as with
23 sincere best wishes for continued success in all future
24 endeavors.