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3 By Representative Treadaway
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8 COMMENDING DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF HERMAN HINTON FOR
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Deputy
12 Police Chief Herman Hinton is recognized for his
13 accomplishments and dedication during 29 years of service with
14 the Birmingham Police Department; and

15 WHEREAS, he is retiring as Deputy Chief of the
16 Investigative Operations Bureau, a position he has held since
17 2008; and

18 WHEREAS, during his career, he has served in almost
19 every major crimes unit and commanded more than 500 death
20 investigations; he served stints in homicide, forensics,
21 burglary, robbery, and patrol; and

22 WHEREAS, he launched a number of special initiatives
23 including the department's Cold Case Unit and the first
24 Detective of the Year Gala; among his additional
25 accomplishments, he graduated magna cum laude from Miles
26 College and has authored a Christian book, "Choose to Love
27 God's Way"; and

1 WHEREAS, prior to joining the Birmingham Police
2 Department in 1983, he served with honor and distinction for
3 three years in the United States Navy; after his military
4 service, he worked in the private sector for a time while
5 studying Fire Sciences at Jefferson State Community College,
6 then attended Electronics School before answering his calling
7 as a police officer, a goal that dated to his freshman year at
8 G.W. Carver High School and paid homage to his late father,
9 who wanted to become a police officer but was deterred because
10 of the racial prejudice of his era; and

11 WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Hinton is admired by
12 colleagues as an approachable leader who was undaunted during
13 perilous times and was always dedicated to the best interest
14 of the City of Birmingham, adhering to his credo, "Stand up
15 for what's right, even if you have to stand alone"; and

16 WHEREAS, through the years, Deputy Chief Hinton was
17 in the fight, whether on the clock or off, never lost a foot
18 chase, and never shirked an opportunity to help a citizen in
19 need; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Birmingham Deputy Police
22 Chief Herman Hinton is most highly commended for his
23 outstanding contributions to the community, and it is directed
24 that a copy of this resolution be provided to him in
25 admiration and gratitude, along with best wishes as he begins
26 his well-deserved retirement years.