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3 By Senator Orr
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4 ENROLLED, SJR14,

5 COMMENDING TOM AND REGINA BROGDEN WRIGHT FOR
6 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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8 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein conveyed
9 to Tom and Regina Brogden Wright in recognition of their
10 outstanding accomplishments and dedicated service during
11 exemplary careers in journalism dating back to the early
12 1960s; and

13 WHEREAS, both are retiring from The Decatur Daily,
14 Mr. Wright as executive editor and Mrs. Wright as metro
15 editor; they met while working at the News Bureau of The
16 University of Alabama during turbulent times, including the
17 events surrounding the 1963 integration of the university by
18 James Hood and Vivian Malone; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Wright progressed from his university
20 days to a coveted internship at The Atlanta
21 Journal-Constitution, and subsequently to a position as
22 managing editor of The Talladega Daily Home; and

23 WHEREAS, the era was marked by a disparity in
24 opportunities for women journalists, and Mrs. Wright took a
25 temporary detour from her newspaper ambition, working for the

1 United Way and the Department of Pensions and Security until
2 joining her husband at The Talladega Daily Home, where both
3 became known as aggressive and courageous journalists; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1979, the Wrights joined The Decatur
5 Daily, where he was hired as executive editor and she began as
6 a reporter, becoming an editor in 1985 and specializing in
7 training reporters on how to pursue a story; under the
8 couple's expertise and leadership, The Decatur Daily has won
9 awards for public service, features, and spot news; and

10 WHEREAS, through the years, the Wrights have earned
11 respect for their exceptional abilities and tireless
12 commitment to finding and publishing the truth, despite all
13 the obstacles and sometimes at great personal peril; and

14 WHEREAS, as retirement beckons, Mr. and Mrs. Wright
15 plan to take a break from the news business and spend time
16 with their two daughters and five grandchildren; now
17 therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Tom and Regina Brogden Wright
20 are honored and commended, and this resolution is offered in
21 highest tribute to them as they begin their well-deserved
22 retirement after more than three decades with The Decatur
23 Daily and almost half a century dedicated to the ideals of
24 journalism.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives

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