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HR___ COMMENDING FIRE CHIEF GENE NECKLAUS FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly presented to Chief Gene Necklaus for outstanding professional achievements on the occasion of his retirement as Fire Chief of the City of Scottsboro, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Chief Necklaus has spent the last 26 years serving the Scottsboro fire department in one capacity or another; he began his career there; his grandfather had served as a Scottsboro volunteer fire fighter in the early years of the force and his uncles and great-uncles were involved in fire departments in Cullman and Decatur; and

WHEREAS, while enrolled at Northeast Alabama Community College, the young Necklaus joined the fire department as a volunteer at the urging of some friends who were already volunteering; and

WHEREAS, he was hired full-time in may of 1998, was promoted to driver after six years, lieutenant in 2006, and training officer in 2008; and

WHEREAS, since 2014, he has served as Scottsboro's sixth Fire Chief; under his leadership, the Scottsboro Fire Department has received over \$750,000 in federal, state, and private grants that have been used for vital equipment upgrades; the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs has



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29 provided a network of fire service professionals across the
30 state and country and together they have worked on several
31 statewide projects; his proudest accomplishments are the
32 Residential Sprinkler legislation and the Firefighter Cancer
33 Benefit; and

34 WHEREAS, Chief Necklaus also implemented a gear
35 cleaning and inspection program to ensure each firefighter
36 has a clean protective hood to protect firefighters from
37 inhaling more toxins; and

38 WHEREAS, though Necklaus established a steady career
39 with the fire department long ago, he also worked to advance
40 his college education through the years, beginning with an
41 Associates Degree, a Bachelor's Degree, and a Juris
42 Doctorate; and

43 WHEREAS, Chief Necklaus has earned immense respect
44 for his tireless dedication and exceptional abilities, and
45 he is truly deserving of special recognition; now therefore;

46 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
47 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in recognition of Fire Chief
48 Gene Necklaus' outstanding performance and accomplishments
49 in leading the Scottsboro Fire Department, we convey our
50 highest esteem along with our congratulations and best
51 wishes for success in all future endeavors.