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8	COMMENDING FIRE CHIEF DANNY RAY FOR OUTSTANDING
9	ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATED SERVICE.
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11	WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to extend highest
12	commendation to Fire Chief Danny Ray in recognition of his
13	outstanding achievements and dedicated service during 38 years
14	with the Pelham Fire Department; and
15	WHEREAS, Chief Ray's service to the community
16	follows an honorable family tradition; his father was a
17	co-founder of Pelham's volunteer fire department in the 1960's
18	and later served with distinction as the fire chief; and
19	WHEREAS, he has fond memories of growing up around
20	his dad's station in the 1970's and recalls that before
21	24-hour dispatch services were available the night calls were
22	transferred to his family home, where he and his family would
23	answer dispatch calls through the night; around the age of 15,
24	Chief Ray began going on dispatch calls and driving fire
25	trucks; and
26	WHEREAS, Chief Ray embarked upon his exemplary
27	career as a junior volunteer firefighter in 1972 and a

full-time firefighter with the Pelham Fire Department in 1979;

over the years he rose through the ranks until the peak of his

selfless career, when he was appointed the fire chief by

former Pelham Mayor, Don Murphy, eight years ago, where he

supervised a department with nearly 80 people and five fire

stations; and

WHEREAS, Chief Ray holds an associate Applied
Science Degree in Fire Science Management from Shelton State
Community College and he graduated summa cum laude from Athens
State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public
Safety Administration; he holds 12 levels of certification
from the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards and
Education Commission, is a basic and advanced life support
instructor from the American Heart Association, and is
qualified as a medical unit leader with the USDA Forest
Service; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband, Chief Ray is married to Robin Ray, and upon her retirement in three years, the couple plans to build a home on Lay Lake; he looks forward to enjoying fishing, traveling, and riding his motorcycle; and

WHEREAS, through the years, he has earned respect for his extraordinary abilities and tireless dedication to his community and this state; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Fire Chief Danny Ray is honored and commended, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute and deepest appreciation to him as he begins

- 1 his well-earned retirement after 38 years of outstanding
- 2 achievement and dedicated service with the Pelham Fire
- 3 Department.