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3 By Representatives Hanes, Whorton, Wadsworth, Reynolds,
4 Lovvorn, Ledbetter, McCutcheon and Gaston
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COMMENDING THE FIRST RESPONDERS FOR THEIR COURAGEOUS
ACTIONS.

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2020, at 12:40 a.m., a call
was received by the Jackson County 911 Center regarding a fire
at the Jackson County Park Marina in Scottsboro, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Scottsboro Fire Department, the
Scottsboro/Jackson County Rescue Squad, the Scottsboro Police
Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Highlands EMS,
and the Jackson County EMA responded to the scene; and

WHEREAS, after arriving on the scene, finding heavy
fire conditions and persons trapped, the first responders
called for additional resources, including dive teams from the
Guntersville Fire Department and Union Rescue Squad in
Marshall County; and

WHEREAS, all of the organizations on the scene
bravely worked together as a team attempting to save those who
were entrapped and to extinguish the fire; despite their
courageous actions eight lives were lost which resulted in one

1 of the most tragic fire events in our state in the past 50
2 years; and

3 WHEREAS, without the valiant efforts of the first
4 responders who rescued seven victims, many more would have
5 perished; and

6 WHEREAS, state and federal organizations, the
7 Jackson County community, and private businesses have joined
8 together to provide support and assist with the cleanup,
9 investigation, and local recovery during and following this
10 horrific event; and

11 WHEREAS, the dedication, courage, professionalism,
12 and self-sacrifice of the firefighters, paramedics, police,
13 sheriff's deputies, dive teams, and others who responded in
14 this emergency helped relieve suffering and possibly save
15 lives during this tragedy; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
17 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby honor and commend
18 all of those first responders and others for their brave
19 actions, selfless acts of service, and compassion to help
20 their fellow citizens during this difficult time.