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HJR___ COMMENDING SHAWNA THOMAS FOR PROFESSIONAL
ACHIEVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we highly commend Shawna Thomas for her numerous professional achievements; and

WHEREAS, an award-winning journalist, producer, and program executive, Shawna Thomas is the Executive Producer for CBS News' CBS Mornings; prior to joining CBS, Thomas was with Quibi, where she served as a Content Development Executive, working on short-form news programming from CBS News, NBC News, and BBC News for the mobile video platform; as a result of her work, she has earned recognition from her peers with four Emmy Awards, a Peabody, a Gracie Award, and two Scripps Howard honors; and

WHEREAS, before working with Quibi, Thomas spent three years at Vice News as the Washington, D.C., Bureau Chief, overseeing politics and policy coverage for HBO's nightly newscast, Vice News Tonight; she was behind the program's major political stories, including the Emmy-winning episode covering the Brett Kavanaugh Supreme Court confirmation hearing, former President Donald Trump's



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26 meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Helsinki,
27 and the 2018 midterm election; in addition, she served as
28 Senior Producer on Vice News Tonight's Charlottesville
29 episode, which earned four Emmy Awards and the Peabody
30 Award; and

31 WHEREAS, previously, Thomas worked at NBC News for
32 over a decade; from 2014 to 2016, she was Senior Producer at
33 NBC News' Meet the Press, where she oversaw the broadcast's
34 digital profile and helped remake the show when Chuck Todd
35 became moderator; from 2011 to 2014, Thomas traveled the
36 world covering former President Barack Obama for NBC News;
37 earlier, she was a Capitol Hill Producer for the network;
38 during her tenure at NBC News, she was sent on assignments
39 that included political convention coverage, ziplining in
40 Alaska, and detainee trials at Guantanamo Bay,
41 simultaneously while making time to try to get to a karaoke
42 bar if time and scheduling allowed; she began her career at
43 NBC as a News Associate in 2006; and

44 WHEREAS, Thomas holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in
45 Political Communication from The George Washington
46 University and a Master's Degree in Broadcast Journalism
47 from The University of Southern California; and

48 WHEREAS, a multi-talented woman of unwavering passion
49 and commitment for her work, Thomas is an incredible leader
50 and inspiration to many; now therefore,



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51 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
52 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Shawna Thomas is highly
53 commended for her numerous professional achievements, and we
54 hereby dedicate this resolution to her with heartiest
55 admiration, along with sincere best wishes for continued
56 happiness and success in all future endeavors.