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3 By Senator Preuitt
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4 ENROLLED, SJR132,

5 COMMENDING FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TALLADEGA,
6 ALABAMA.

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8 WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to extend highest
9 commendation to the venerable First Baptist Church of
10 Talladega, Alabama, in recognition of its distinguished
11 history; and

12 WHEREAS, established May 31, 1835, with ten charter
13 members, the church grew substantially in membership and
14 services over the past 175 years and in 2010 had a total
15 membership of more than 600; and

16 WHEREAS, among the church's early outstanding
17 events, the Alabama Baptist Convention met in the Talladega
18 church in 1841 and agreed to the establishment of a college
19 (Howard College, now Samford University) which was chartered
20 in 1841 and opened in January 1842 in Marion, Alabama, later
21 relocating to Birmingham; additional milestones were recorded
22 when the Alabama Baptist Convention again met with the
23 Talladega church in 1857, 1878, 1888, and 1906; and

24 WHEREAS, in February 1932, the church moved to its
25 current location on North Street, and the first worship

1 services were held in the present sanctuary in December 1948,
2 with the three-story education space being added in 1962; and

3 WHEREAS, the church has been faithfully shepherded
4 by 23 ministers, devoted servants of God who were called to
5 lead the congregation; in addition, the church has ordained
6 more than 22 men who have served the gospel ministry across
7 the state and nation and internationally; and

8 WHEREAS, since its founding, the First Baptist
9 Church of Talladega has been actively engaged in outreach,
10 establishing three mission churches that became full-time:
11 Central Baptist Church, October 1902; Southside Baptist
12 Church, February 1954; and Northside Baptist Church, May 1955;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, in 1875, the Women's Missionary Society was
15 founded, providing education through youth and children's
16 programs and leading the church to participate in worldwide as
17 well as state mission offerings; three women have served as
18 career missionaries overseas: Gladys Hopewell, China; Jane
19 Ellen Gaines, Africa; and Edith Nunnelley Langston, Africa;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, through the years, the First Baptist Church
22 of Talladega has been a beacon of faith and a pillar of
23 spiritual strength for its congregation and far beyond; now
24 therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of its
3 distinguished 175-year history, the venerable First Baptist
4 Church of Talladega is honored and commended, and this
5 resolution is offered in highest tribute to its dedicated
6 leaders and devout membership, on behalf of the citizens of
7 the State of Alabama.

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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.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
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