

1 HJR170  
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3 By Representative Givan  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 22-MAR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 HONORING REVEREND DR. BERNARD WILLIAMS.  
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5 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein extended to  
6 Reverend Dr. Bernard Williams on the occasion of celebrating  
7 his 30th anniversary as pastor of Mount Moriah Baptist Church;  
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9 WHEREAS, since 1981, when he was called to its  
10 pulpit, Mount Moriah Baptist Church has experienced  
11 significant growth to more than 1,500 members while expanding  
12 its spiritual ministries and outreach programs; and

13 WHEREAS, a native of Fairfield, Alabama, where he  
14 was a member of the first class to integrate the public school  
15 system, he attended Tennessee State University with a major in  
16 Music Education for voice and organ; he earned his Bachelor's  
17 Degree from Samford University; Master's Degree from The  
18 University of Alabama, where he was a Danforth Fellow; and  
19 Education Specialist, Master of Theology, Doctor of  
20 Philosophy, and Doctor of Education Degrees from Samford  
21 University; throughout his exemplary career, Dr. Williams has  
22 been actively involved in worthy causes and a leader in  
23 numerous professional and community organizations; and

24 WHEREAS, among his many honors and recognitions, he  
25 was selected to serve as the Spiritual Advisor for the

1 Congressional Black Caucus, nominated one of the 15 Great  
2 United States Preachers by Ebony Magazine, elected to Who's  
3 Who of Greater Birmingham, included in the list of Outstanding  
4 Young Men of America, and named Outstanding Citizen of the  
5 Year by the Birmingham NAACP; and

6 WHEREAS, his extensive professional experience  
7 includes employment with the Fairfield Police Department and  
8 service as a teacher and band instructor in the Birmingham  
9 School System; since 1998, he has been director of the  
10 acclaimed Miles College Choir; in addition, he is in demand as  
11 a recording artist and producer, song writer and arranger,  
12 studio musician and engineer, and performer for the Gospel  
13 Music Workshop of America; he has also conducted revivals and  
14 music workshops throughout the United States, Haiti, Africa,  
15 Nicaragua, and the Caribbean; and

16 WHEREAS, through the years and in all his endeavors,  
17 he has earned respect for his exceptional abilities and  
18 tireless commitment to God and mankind; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on the occasion of celebrating  
21 his 30th anniversary as pastor of Mount Moriah Baptist Church  
22 and in recognition of his outstanding achievements and  
23 dedicated service, we extend highest commendation to Reverend  
24 Dr. Bernard Williams, for whom a copy of this resolution is  
25 provided as evidence of the esteem in which he is held.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 24-MAR-11.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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Senate

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31-MAR-11

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Adopted