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3 By Representative Givan
4 RFD: Rules
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8 HONORING REVEREND DR. BERNARD WILLIAMS.

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10 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein extended to
11 Reverend Dr. Bernard Williams on the occasion of celebrating
12 his 30th anniversary as pastor of Mount Moriah Baptist Church;
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14 WHEREAS, since 1981, when he was called to its
15 pulpit, Mount Moriah Baptist Church has experienced
16 significant growth to more than 1,500 members while expanding
17 its spiritual ministries and outreach programs; and

18 WHEREAS, a native of Fairfield, Alabama, where he
19 was a member of the first class to integrate the public school
20 system, he attended Tennessee State University with a major in
21 Music Education for voice and organ; he earned his Bachelor's
22 Degree from Samford University; Master's Degree from The
23 University of Alabama, where he was a Danforth Fellow; and
24 Education Specialist, Master of Theology, Doctor of
25 Philosophy, and Doctor of Education Degrees from Samford
26 University; throughout his exemplary career, Dr. Williams has

1 been actively involved in worthy causes and a leader in
2 numerous professional and community organizations; and

3 WHEREAS, among his many honors and recognitions, he
4 was selected to serve as the Spiritual Advisor for the
5 Congressional Black Caucus, nominated one of the 15 Great
6 United States Preachers by Ebony Magazine, elected to Who's
7 Who of Greater Birmingham, included in the list of Outstanding
8 Young Men of America, and named Outstanding Citizen of the
9 Year by the Birmingham NAACP; and

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

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

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on the occasion of celebrating
25 his 30th anniversary as pastor of Mount Moriah Baptist Church
26 and in recognition of his outstanding achievements and
27 dedicated service, we extend highest commendation to Reverend

1 Dr. Bernard Williams, for whom a copy of this resolution is
2 provided as evidence of the esteem in which he is held.