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10 Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W), Jones, Kennedy, Knight,  
11 Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, Love, Mask, McAdory, McCampbell,  
12 McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton,  
13 Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow,  
14 Newton (C), Newton (D), Nordgren, Oden, Patterson, Payne,  
15 Poole, Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers,  
16 Sanderford, Scott, Sessions, Shiver, Thomas, Todd, Treadaway,  
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18 (J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren  
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8 COMMENDING BISHOP TERESA E. SNORTON ON BEING ELECTED  
9 BISHOP OF THE CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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11 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are  
12 herein extended to Bishop Teresa E. Snorton on being elected  
13 the 59th Bishop and the first female Bishop of the Christian  
14 Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church; and

15 WHEREAS, Bishop Snorton is Presiding Prelate of the  
16 Fifth Episcopal District of the CME Church and will receive  
17 recognition at the Annual Conference of the Birmingham Region  
18 in Trussville, Alabama, July 11-13, 2011; and

19 WHEREAS, she is a fourth-generation, lifelong member  
20 of the CME whose great-grandfather, father, and uncle were  
21 pastors; Bishop Snorton's grandmother was an active  
22 missionary, her mother is an evangelist, and her two sisters  
23 are also CME ministers; and

24 WHEREAS, Bishop Snorton holds a Bachelor's Degree  
25 from Vanderbilt University, a Master of Divinity Degree from  
26 Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, a Master of  
27 Theology in Pastoral Care from Southern Baptist Theological

1 Seminary; a Postgraduate Certificate in Patient Counseling  
2 from Virginia Commonwealth University; and Doctor of Ministry  
3 Degree from United Theological Seminary; and

4 WHEREAS, prior to and during seminary, she worked on  
5 the ministerial staff of CME churches in her home state of  
6 Kentucky and, after completing seminary, she was appointed to  
7 pastor Lampkins Chapel CME Church in Louisville, Kentucky; she  
8 has played key roles on numerous boards and committees of the  
9 CME Church; and

10 WHEREAS, in addition to her pastoral work, Bishop  
11 Snorton has been active in the pastoral care field, serving as  
12 Executive Director of the National Association of Clinical  
13 Pastoral Education, Incorporated, and on the faculties of  
14 Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Union University,  
15 the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and the  
16 Emory Center for Pastoral Services; and

17 WHEREAS, a noted author, she has also been the  
18 recipient of numerous awards in the pastoral care and  
19 education fields; Bishop Snorton is a member of the  
20 International Congress of Pastoral Care and Counseling, the  
21 Society for Pastoral Theology, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority;  
22 she is the mother of two sons and has two grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, through the years, Bishop Snorton has  
24 earned respect for her exceptional abilities and tireless  
25 dedication; now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That it is a great pleasure to

1 honor and commend Bishop Teresa E. Snorton on being elected  
2 the 59th Bishop and the first female Bishop of the Christian  
3 Methodist Episcopal Church, and this resolution of tribute is  
4 offered to her with heartiest congratulations and best wishes  
5 in all future endeavors.