

1 HJR250
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3 By Representative Milligan
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 06-MAR-12

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING DR. CHARLES BALLEW FOR DEDICATED SERVICE.

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5 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in
6 commending Dr. Charles Ballew in recognition of his 50 years
7 of dedicated service to God and mankind; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Ballew has announced his retirement
9 from the pastorate of First Baptist Church in Winfield,
10 Alabama, where he has spent the last 25 years and is
11 affectionately known as "Brother Charlie"; and

12 WHEREAS, he answered the call to preach five decades
13 ago and holds a Doctorate Degree in Divinity, in addition to
14 having earned Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from The
15 University of Alabama in 1973 and 1976; and

16 WHEREAS, under his leadership, First Baptist Church
17 of Winfield has become the largest church in Marion County,
18 with more than 1,000 members and as many as 700 in attendance
19 each Sunday; and

20 WHEREAS, his stewardship of the church has been
21 marked by both spiritual growth and expanded facilities,
22 including construction of a music and educational wing and
23 completion of a new sanctuary; and

1 WHEREAS, he is married to Joyce Ballew, who has been
2 his devoted helpmate for 53 years, and they have two grown
3 sons, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and

4 WHEREAS, through the years, he has earned respect
5 for his exceptional abilities and unwavering commitment; now
6 therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his
9 outstanding accomplishments and tireless dedication, Dr.
10 Charles Ballew is most highly honored and commended, and this
11 resolution is offered in admiration and appreciation to him,
12 along with best wishes as he embarks upon his well-deserved
13 retirement years.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 08-MAR-12.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

20-MAR-12

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