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8 RECOGNIZING DR. WILLIAM MCKINLEY NORWOOD ON THE
9 OCCASION OF HIS 75TH ANNIVERSARY AS A SERVANT OF THE MINISTRY
10 AND FOR 60 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS THE SENIOR PASTOR OF
11 MACEDONIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

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13 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
14 Dr. William McKinley Norwood on the occasion of his 75th
15 Anniversary as a servant of the ministry and for 60 years of
16 dedicated service as the senior pastor of Macedonia Missionary
17 Baptist Church; and

18 WHEREAS, called to the ministry at an early age, Dr.
19 Norwood preached during the Civil Rights Movement and worked
20 along Martin Luther King, Jr., Ralph Abernathy, and Fred
21 Shuttlesworth, whom he considered his brothers, doing work in
22 the Kingdom of God; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Norwood's widely known, sermon, "Dry
24 Bones," addresses the condition of every individual and
25 relates the wondrous, good news of God's redeeming love and
26 how people can be restored by returning to Him; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Norwood starts his day at 5 a.m. and
2 visits sick members, provides spiritual counseling, conducts
3 revivals, and serves as a natural father, a spiritual father,
4 and a faithful pastor; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Norwood has let his light shine bright
6 for God and has lived an exemplary life that has drawn
7 attention to the importance of showing love and compassion for
8 others and following God; and

9 WHEREAS, indeed, Dr. Norwood continues to provide
10 the members of his congregation with opportunities to grow in
11 Christian service, and his qualities of leadership and
12 pastoral experience have indeed greatly strengthened his
13 ministry; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dr. William McKinley Norwood
16 is highly honored and commended, and this resolution is
17 offered to him in deepest admiration and appreciation, along
18 with sincere best wishes for continued blessings.