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3 By Representatives Merrill and DeMarco
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8 COMMENDING BEESON DIVINITY SCHOOL ON CELEBRATING ITS
9 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Beeson
12 Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham is
13 congratulated on celebrating its 25th Anniversary; and

14 WHEREAS, in February 1988, the Board of Trustees of
15 Samford University authorized the establishment of the School
16 of Divinity; and

17 WHEREAS, in December 1988, the Board voted to name
18 the school the Beeson School of Divinity in honor of Ralph
19 Waldo Beeson and his late father, John Wesley Beeson; and

20 WHEREAS, Ralph Waldo Beeson provided the largest
21 gift from a living individual in Samford history to establish
22 the first divinity school at a Baptist college or university
23 in the nation; and

24 WHEREAS, Beeson Divinity School is open to persons
25 from all Christian denominations and adheres to its founding
26 benefactor's vision that the school be a place that trains

1 "pastors who can preach," although many students have found
2 places of service outside the pulpits; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Timothy George has been dean of Beeson
4 Divinity School since its inception, providing the leadership
5 for the school's exceptional record of achievement and
6 service; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Beeson Divinity School is
9 most highly honored and commended, and it is directed that a
10 copy of this resolution be provided to the school for
11 appropriate display, with heartiest congratulations on
12 celebrating its 25th Anniversary and with best wishes for the
13 future.