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8 COMMENDING ELDER T. MARSHALL KELLY FOR RECEIVING A
9 2014 ROSETTA JAMES FOUNDATION PIONEER AWARD.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to Elder T. Marshall Kelly on his
13 outstanding achievement of receiving a 2014 Rosetta James
14 Foundation Pioneer Award; and

15 WHEREAS, Elder T. Marshall Kelly will be recognized
16 at The Rosetta James Foundation's "Honoring Our Elders"
17 Celebration, which is named in honor of an extraordinary
18 native of Akron, Alabama, Mrs. Rosetta James, who has
19 positively impacted countless lives through active citizenship
20 and selfless service; and

21 WHEREAS, Elder Kelly is an exemplary bass-baritone
22 singer and composer who has cultivated a distinguished career
23 as an internationally known soloist, ordained minister, radio
24 personality, and award-winning religion teacher in the
25 Seventh-day Adventist church; and

26 WHEREAS, from his earliest years, religion and music
27 have been focal parts of his life; he graduated from Emmanuel

1 Missionary College, now Andrews University, with a degree in
2 religion in 1952 and served in the Lake Region Conference as a
3 pastor and evangelist and sought-after singer for 25 years;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, in 1971, he assisted E.E. Cleveland,
6 legendary preacher and evangelist, with the music in a nearly
7 two-month long evangelistic crusade in Australia; E.E.
8 Cleveland described Elder Kelly's devoted work in the crusade
9 in the following way: "the rich velvet voice of T. Marshall
10 Kelly was an indispensable blessing to the success of the
11 campaign; he was accorded the supreme tribute of being rated
12 as 'a second Paul Robeson;" in the following year, the
13 faithful men of God collaborated on another crusade; and

14 WHEREAS, Elder Kelly made two records, "All That
15 Thrills My Soul" and "It Takes Everything to Serve the Lord,"
16 which were released by Chapel Records in the early 1970s; he
17 was invited to speak and sing at a monumental youth rally in
18 Australia in 1976; and

19 WHEREAS, he established a strong Bible program and
20 assisted in leading a number of faith-based activities at
21 Oakwood College Academy; notably, he received a Zapara Award
22 for Excellence in Teaching in 1990 for his remarkable work as
23 a teacher, counselor, and campus chaplain at the academy; and

24 WHEREAS, for over 30 years, he has hosted a Sabbath
25 afternoon radio talk show program on WJOU, 90.1 FM; he has
26 released additional recordings including "For Your
27 Encouragement" and Hymns for Him;" and

1 WHEREAS, he married Garnet Jean Garland a native of
2 Cleveland, Ohio, and a graduate of Pine Forge Academy in
3 Pennsylvania in 1952, and they have a son, Eric and a
4 daughter, Nadine; and

5 WHEREAS, Elder Kelly's hard work, ingenuity, and
6 civic contributions espouse the meritorious qualities of the
7 Rosetta James Foundation and reflect immense honor upon the
8 entire State of Alabama; he is truly deserving of the
9 significant honor bestowed upon him; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Elder T. Marshall Kelly is
12 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered
13 to him in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with
14 sincere best wishes for all future endeavors.