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8 COMMENDING MOTHER WILLIE MAE DRAPER 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 Mother Willie Mae Draper on
13 her outstanding achievement of receiving a 2014 Rosetta James
14 Foundation Pioneer Award; and

15 WHEREAS, Mother Willie Mae Draper 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, in early childhood, Mother Draper was
22 miraculously healed from diptheria by God through the
23 unwavering faith and continuous prayers of her mother; this
24 divine intervention has served as the foundation upon which
25 she has built her life; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1950, she was saved and filled with the
27 Holy Ghost under the ministry of Elder S.H. Netter; Mother

1 Draper faithfully and devotedly served New Market COGIC, which
2 later became the Beirne Avenue COGIC, along with her husband,
3 Pastor Draper, who led the church from 1963 until his death in
4 1998; and

5 WHEREAS, Mother Draper contributed her expert
6 guidance and leadership as President of the State Hospitality
7 Department; in 1990, she embarked on a 21-day sojourn filled
8 with teaching and evangelizing and carried out missionary work
9 in Schweinfurt, Germany, and northern Germany; and

10 WHEREAS, she served as an Alabama delegate to the
11 National Women's Convention of the International Church of God
12 in Christ for 35 years plus; in 2002, she was led by the Holy
13 Spirit to witness to souls in Oahu, Hawaii; and

14 WHEREAS, Mother Draper is the proud mother of three
15 children, Betty Damper, Pastor Dave Draper, Jr., and Pastor
16 Jesse Draper, and she is a beloved grandmother and
17 great-grandmother; a Godly woman who exudes a saintly nature,
18 she is celebrated for her quiet dignity, labor of love, and
19 Godly advice, and she is a virtuous role model in her church,
20 family, and community; and

21 WHEREAS, Mother Draper's hard work, ingenuity, and
22 civic contributions espouse the meritorious qualities of the
23 Rosetta James Foundation and reflect immense honor upon the
24 entire State of Alabama; she is truly deserving of the
25 significant honor bestowed upon her; now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mother Willie Mae Draper is

1 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered
2 to her in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with
3 sincere best wishes for all future endeavors.