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8 RECOGNIZING THE REBUILDING OF ALBERTA BAPTIST CHURCH
9 AND LIFEPOINTE CHURCH OF GOD IN ALBERTA AND COTTONDALE,
10 ALABAMA.

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12 WHEREAS, on April 27, 2011, Alberta, Alabama, along
13 with several other Alabama communities were stricken by the
14 high winds of tornadoes that left only wreckage and
15 devastation; included in the wreckage were the buildings used
16 for worship by the congregations of the Alberta Baptist Church
17 and the Alberta Church of God; and

18 WHEREAS, in February, 2014, almost three years after
19 the storm damages, the congregations of both churches entered
20 new buildings with a renewed sense of hope, gratitude, and
21 worship; both congregations are now in newer buildings and
22 have a stronger commitment and sense of purpose; and

23 WHEREAS, the journey to independence had a unifying
24 impact on both churches; each church body had to find
25 alternative places to worship, serve others, and plan for
26 rebuilding during the years the congregations were displaced;
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1 WHEREAS, the members of Alberta Baptist Church were
2 thrown into some soul searching and came out of the ordeal
3 with a new commitment to have a positive impact on Alberta;
4 although the congregation decreased in numbers, the outreach
5 is greater and with the help of insurance and donations, the
6 new church is nearly debt free; and

7 WHEREAS, the Alberta Church of God used the
8 devastation as a time to relocate to Cottondale when
9 rebuilding and changed the name to LifePointe Church of God;
10 the rebuilding time also saw membership growth of the church
11 from 60 to over 300 members; and

12 WHEREAS, both congregations, left in rubble in 2011,
13 celebrated new buildings this year with renewed vigor and more
14 missions; both churches struggled and persevered hardship to
15 emerge better for it and are to be commended for that
16 dedication and never-give-up attitude; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Alberta Baptist Church
19 and the LifePointe Church of God are most highly honored and
20 commended for their drive to move forward in the face of
21 adversity and by a copy of this resolution to each
22 congregation, we extend heartiest congratulations on
23 overcoming this crisis and on rebuilding along with best
24 wishes for the future.