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3 By Senators Dunn, Coleman, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford,
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Dial, Fielding, Figures,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey, Marsh,
6 McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield,
7 Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley
8 and Williams
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10 First Read: 13-MAR-14

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8 HONORING MR. JOHN SMITH ON CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF
9 LIFE AND MORE THAN 50 YEARS OF GOSPEL MUSIC.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to honor John Smith
12 of Bessemer, Alabama, in recognition of celebrating 70 years
13 of life and more than 50 years of singing gospel music
14 locally, statewide, and nationally; and

15 WHEREAS, this momentous occasion is scheduled for
16 March 29, 2014, at the Second Avenue Beulah Baptist Church in
17 Bessemer; and

18 WHEREAS, John Smith is a true servant of God and
19 mankind; he is a lifelong member of his church, serving in
20 various capacities including the Deacon Board, Trustee Board,
21 Chairman of Finance, Sunday School Teacher, Male Chorus, Adult
22 Choir, and Mass Choir; he also provides the lawn care services
23 for the church and formerly served as the van driver whenever
24 needed; and

25 WHEREAS, John Smith was the youngest member of the
26 United Male Chorus that traveled throughout the state for more
27 than 25 years; and

1 WHEREAS, John Smith is a member of the Jefferson
2 County Male Chorus and an honorary member of the Southwest
3 Male Chorus in Birmingham; and

4 WHEREAS, John Smith is a former member of the George
5 Washington Carver High School Community Action Committee in
6 Bessemer and currently serves as the trustee for the
7 McDonald's Breakfast Club in Bessemer; and

8 WHEREAS, in addition to his church and civic duties,
9 he is well-known for his baking skills, and many requests come
10 from far and near for his famous homemade pound cakes; and

11 WHEREAS, John Smith and his devoted wife, Santa
12 Smith, have been married for 44 wonderful years and have two
13 sons, John Smith, Jr., and Darin Smith; one daughter, LaSabria
14 Smith Robinson; and six loving grandchildren who are the
15 source of great joy; and

16 WHEREAS, through the years, John Smith has been an
17 inspiration to those who are fortunate to know him, and he is
18 truly deserving of recognition on this special occasion; now
19 therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That John Smith of Bessemer,
22 Alabama, is hereby most highly honored and commended on the
23 occasion of celebrating 70 years of life and more than 50
24 years of gospel music, and this resolution is offered in
25 highest tribute to him along with best wishes for every future
26 happiness.