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3 By Representative Johnson (R)  
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8 HONORING DR. WILLIAM DEAN ON RECEIVING THE TITLE OF  
9 PASTOR EMERITUS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
12 presented to Dr. William Dean on receiving the title of Pastor  
13 Emeritus at First Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Dean provided First Baptist Church with  
15 holy counsel as Senior Pastor from October 1972 until December  
16 1994; and

17 WHEREAS, during his distinguished 22-year pastorate,  
18 First Baptist Church increased its membership and faculties  
19 were expanded, culminating in the building of the Christian  
20 Life Center in 1988; and

21 WHEREAS, he further contributed to the advancement  
22 of the Kingdom of God through his faithful and dedicated  
23 service to numerous boards and commissions in the Southern  
24 Baptist Convention, the Alabama Baptist State Convention, and  
25 the Coosa River Baptist Association; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Dean has continued to render his  
2 service as a member of the First Baptist Church; and

3           WHEREAS, notably, the members of First Baptist  
4 Church will bestow on him the title of Pastor Emeritus on a  
5 glorious day of rejoicing, August 23, 2015, during the 11:00  
6 a.m. service; and

7           WHEREAS, in addition, the Fellowship Hall will be  
8 named in his honor; and

9           WHEREAS, Dr. Dean, born in Mobile, Alabama, and  
10 reared in Brewton, Alabama, received his Bachelor of Arts  
11 Degree from Howard College, his Master of Divinity Degree from  
12 Southwestern Seminary, and his honorary Doctor of Divinity  
13 Degree from Mobile College; and

14           WHEREAS, Dr. William Dean will continue to bless the  
15 congregation of First Baptist Church as Pastor Emeritus for  
16 years to come; now therefore,

17           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. William Dean is highly  
19 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to him  
20 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere  
21 best wishes for continued blessings.