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8 AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE
9 PRAYER CAUCUS.

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11 WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United
12 States, its citizens and inhabitants have drawn strength,
13 hope, and guidance from prayer; from the very first
14 Continental Congress through every form of adversity and
15 blessing, Americans have fallen to their knees and implored
16 God Almighty to protect their family and to heal their land;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the freedom upon which America is founded
19 affords the right to any individual to decline to pray if he
20 or she desires; however, that same freedom allows those who
21 believe in the power of prayer to utilize that great
22 opportunity to ask God to bless and sustain our state and our
23 nation; and

24 WHEREAS, that freedom is not diminished merely
25 because one is elected to public office; the cloak of
26 authority placed upon the shoulders of a public servant should
27 be an inspiration for those who believe in the power of prayer

1 to use that great power to ask God to bless and sustain the
2 state and the nation they love and serve; and

3 WHEREAS, in early 2005, a small group of members of
4 the United States House of Representatives began meeting in
5 Room 219 of the United States Capitol to pray for our nation;
6 soon thereafter, these members formed the Congressional Prayer
7 Caucus, which is a nonpartisan caucus with the purpose of
8 seeking God's wisdom, direction, and blessing for our country;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, an Alabama Legislative Prayer Caucus would
11 encourage, train, and support legislative leaders in every
12 field who believe in the power of prayer and would highlight
13 the vital role that prayer and Judeo-Christian principles have
14 played in the history of our nation and our state in
15 strengthening the fabric of our society, at all times
16 consistent with the progress of our state and with the
17 well-being of our fellow Alabamians; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Legislative Prayer
20 Caucus is hereby established;

21 That the purpose of the Alabama Legislative Prayer
22 Caucus is to offer legislators a regular opportunity to join
23 fellow legislators in humbly asking for God's wisdom and
24 blessing on our country and the State of Alabama;

25 That any member of the Alabama Senate or Alabama
26 House of Representatives may become a member of the Alabama

1 Legislative Prayer Caucus on a voluntary, nonpartisan basis.
2 There shall be no membership fee;

3 That there shall be a Chair of the Alabama
4 Legislative Prayer Caucus which shall be elected by the
5 membership on an annual basis. The caucus shall hold its first
6 meeting upon the call of the Speaker of the House;

7 That to the extent practicable, the meetings and
8 business affairs of the Alabama Legislative Prayer Caucus
9 shall be held in the Alabama State House, but alternate
10 locations may be designated by the chair; and

11 That the Alabama Legislative Prayer Caucus is
12 authorized to coordinate its programs and meetings with
13 programs and meetings of the Congressional Prayer Caucus.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be
15 transmitted to the Congressional Prayer Caucus and be made
16 available to the members of the Senate and the House of
17 Representatives.