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3 By Representative Boyd
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8 HONORING REVEREND HENRY A. STERLING, JR., IN
9 CELEBRATION OF HIS 14TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY AT THE FIRST
10 BAPTIST CHURCH OF EAST GADSDEN.

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12 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
13 presented to Reverend Henry A. Sterling, Jr., on the momentous
14 occasion of his 14th Anniversary as pastor of the First
15 Baptist Church of East Gadsden, Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Sterling was ordained at Mount
17 Liberty Baptist Church in Anniston, Alabama, and was licensed
18 as a Baptist minister in July 1978; and

19 WHEREAS, Reverend Sterling has greatly blessed the
20 congregation of the First Baptist Church of East Gadsden
21 through his holy guidance since July 14, 2002; and

22 WHEREAS, he has also served as pastor at Bethel
23 Baptist Church in Ashland, Alabama, and Pleasant Grove
24 Missionary Baptist Church in Wedowee, Alabama; and

25 WHEREAS, Reverend Sterling has served as a powerful
26 community and civil rights activist for more than 35 years,
27 giving a voice to the oppressed and disenfranchised; and

1 WHEREAS, during his pastorate at the First Baptist
2 Church of East Gadsden, six pastors have been ordained and the
3 first female minister of the church has been licensed; and

4 WHEREAS, on May 6, 2017, the First Baptist Church of
5 East Gadsden will commemorate the 14th Anniversary of Reverend
6 Henry A Sterling as pastor; and

7 WHEREAS, through the years, Revered Henry A.
8 Sterling, Jr., has touched countless lives within the
9 community and beyond through his ministry; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Reverend Henry A. Sterling,
12 Jr., is honored and commended, and this resolution is offered
13 to him in highest tribute on the occasion of his 14th Pastoral
14 Anniversary, along with sincere best wishes for continued
15 blessings.