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3 By Representative Gray
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 18-FEB-20

COMMENDING THE REVEREND FREDERICK L. SMALL.

WHEREAS, we extend our highest commendations to the Reverend Frederick L. Small for his accomplished pastoral career; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Small accepted the call to be Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church on April 17, 2019; under his leadership, the membership has grown and the church has expanded its ministries and initiatives in the areas of evangelism, outreach, Partners in Christ Caring Ministry (PICCM), tribes and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Small is married to the Reverend Doctor Darlene Porter Small; he is a proud and loving father and grandfather; he earned an associate's degree with honors in Religious Studies in May 2017, and a bachelor's degree with honors in Religious Studies in May 2018; he is currently pursuing a Master's degree; he retired from the U.S. Army with 30 years of distinguished service as Sgt. Major E9; he ended his Army career serving as a Chaplain's Assistant; he was a member of the Alabama and Mississippi National Guard; he

1 retired from W. C. Bradley Company, Columbus, Georgia, with
2 the Excellent Service Award and a certificate of completion
3 from the W. C. Bradley Leadership Academy; from 2006 to 2011,
4 he served as the pastor of Christ Temple Missionary Baptist
5 Church, Columbus, Georgia; he served as Armor Bearer for
6 Reverend C. Medley Hayes, Columbus, Georgia, and the late
7 Reverend E. Thurman Walker, San Antonio, Texas; he also served
8 as a faithful member of the Fourth Street Missionary Baptist
9 Church and pulpit assistant to Pastor J. H. Flakes, III; he
10 provided guidance and support to the youth, military, and
11 transportation ministries, among others; and

12 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Pastor Small, the
13 Antioch Baptist Church developed new office space for
14 administration and finance teams; revised the church policies
15 and procedures to include new member training, benevolence,
16 bereavement, and transportation; he is a transformational
17 leader who has led Antioch Baptist Church with courage,
18 candor, and commitment; he has earned the respect and
19 admiration of his congregation as well as the members and
20 pastors of the greater community; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby most heartily
23 commend the Reverend Frederick L. Small and we extend our
24 heartfelt gratitude to him for his unwavering service to the
25 community.