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3 By Representative Jackson
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8 HONORING NEW HOPE NO. 1 CHURCH IN THOMASVILLE,
9 ALABAMA, ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 160TH ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are
12 herein proudly conveyed to New Hope No. 1 Church in
13 Thomasville, Alabama, on the momentous occasion of celebrating
14 its 160th anniversary; and

15 WHEREAS, this venerable church traces its history to
16 the 19th century, when it was founded by a small group of
17 devout worshippers led by two men, Reverend Charlie Robinson
18 and Charlie Yow; services were originally held in primitive
19 conditions, using shelter built from tree branches; the early
20 church officers were Deacons King Johnson, July Holt, Ben
21 Franklin Davis, Isaiah Singerton, Abe Megginson, Henry Coats,
22 and Tom Foreman, Clerk and Superintendent; and

23 WHEREAS, through the years and under the leadership
24 of dedicated pastors, New Hope Church has grown and prospered
25 spiritually and structurally, with a new church building, an
26 educational annex, and improved facilities as membership

1 increased, ministries were added, and new organizations were
2 established; and

3 WHEREAS, the list of former pastors includes:
4 Reverends W.S. Stratman, J.S. Shorts, F.C. Carstarphens, R.C.
5 McElroy, James G. Curry, and Lee E. Nelson; the Reverend
6 Anthony D. Kimborough, Sr., currently serves as pastor and
7 continues the honored traditions; and

8 WHEREAS, in its 160th year, the church continues to
9 thrive, and remains a beacon of faith and a source of strength
10 for its congregation and the entire community; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
12 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That New Hope No. 1 Church of
13 Thomasville, Alabama, is herein most highly honored and
14 commended, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute
15 to its dedicated pastor, leaders, and members, along with
16 heartiest congratulations on celebrating the milestone of its
17 160th anniversary of service to God and mankind.