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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF THE REVEREND DR. JAMES R.
9 BARNETTE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
12 death on February 22, 2021, of the Reverend Dr. James "Jim" R.
13 Barnette, at the age of 59; and

14 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
15 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community,
16 where he was highly regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Barnette grew up in
18 Louisville; upon graduating from Samford University in 1983,
19 he attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he
20 earned his Master Degree in Divinity and Doctorate; he
21 continued to accomplish grand achievements throughout his
22 life, including, but not limited to, serving as the Senior
23 Pastor of Brookwood Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama,
24 where he gave over 700 sermons in nearly 1,200 services;
25 serving as the Minister of Samford University and teaching
26 classes in Biblical studies; being named Associate Professor
27 of Religion and Director of Ministerial Information; and

1 serving as Director of the Pre-Ministerial Scholars Program;
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3 WHEREAS, a teacher, a preacher, and a friend with a
4 big heart, Reverend Dr. Barnette touched the lives of many;
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6 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Deanna
7 Barnette; children, Hannah Asters and Nicholas Barnette;
8 additional relatives; and a host of friends; and

9 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
10 missed, the memory of Reverend Dr. Barnette will be cherished
11 in the hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of the Reverend Dr.
14 James "Jim" R. Barnette is recorded with deep sadness, and
15 this resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with
16 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
17 many.