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8 HONORING REVEREND WATSON WASDEN FOR 54 YEARS OF  
9 DEDICATED SERVICE TO ANTIOCH WEST BAPTIST CHURCH.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a privilege to highly honor Reverend  
12 Watson Wasden for 54 years of dedicated service to Antioch  
13 West Baptist Church; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Wasden served Antioch West Baptist  
15 Church from January 7, 1967, to January 10, 2021; leading many  
16 souls to Jesus Christ, he gave a multitude of powerful  
17 sermons, performed countless baptisms, united numerous couples  
18 in holy matrimony, and directed many funerals; he has stated,  
19 "Fifty-four years here at Antioch West, and it has been a  
20 privilege to serve this church. I am very appreciative of the  
21 church, its members, and the deacons"; before joining the  
22 ministry, Reverend Wasden served as a Deacon and a Music  
23 Director for Antioch West Baptist Church for 11 years; and

24 WHEREAS, his final message as Reverend to the church  
25 was about the importance of keeping Christ at the center of  
26 life; he proclaimed, "To be successful in anything you do,  
27 Christ must be at the center of everything you do. We cannot

1 afford to leave God out of our life. For a church to be  
2 effective in a community, Christ must be at the center. When  
3 Christ is at the center of the church, the church will lead  
4 the community. If you turn to God, seek Him, and trust Him, He  
5 will bless you. A house shall stand and never decay where the  
6 all mighty God is worshipped day by day"; at the end of the  
7 sermon, Deacon Doug Thomas presented Reverend Wasden with a  
8 plaque of appreciation for 54 years of service and with a  
9 letter of recognition from the Alabama Historical Commission;  
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11 WHEREAS, for over five decades, Reverend Wasden has  
12 been touching and blessing many lives; a man with a  
13 compassionate and selfless heart, he is truly a gift from God;  
14 now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Reverend Watson Wasden is  
17 warmly honored for committing 54 years of unwavering service  
18 to Antioch West Baptist Church, and this resolution hereby  
19 serves as a tribute to him with heartfelt gratitude and  
20 admiration, along with sincere best wishes for continued  
21 success and happiness during his retirement.