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3 By Representatives Daniels and Hall
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COMMENDING REVEREND ESAU MCCAULLEY, PH.D.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein presented to Reverend Esau McCaulley, Ph.D., for outstanding professional achievements and his work in the faith community as an influential theologian; and

WHEREAS, Esau McCaulley, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of New Testament at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois; his research and writing which focuses on Pauline theology and the intersection of race, Christian identity, and the pursuit of justice, has become required reading for students of the New Testament; and

WHEREAS, his first book entitled "Sharing in the Son's Inheritance" was published by T and T Clark in 2019; his second book "Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope" was published by IVP Academic on September 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, his "Reading While Black (IVP)" arrived on the scene at just the right time in 2020; in the wake of George Floyd's murder, the rise of Black Lives Matter and

1 during a global pandemic, the book sought to address whether
2 Christianity was, in fact, good news for black people, and
3 then shone a light on the often-overlooked importance of black
4 biblical interpretation; it has won numerous awards including
5 Christianity Today's book of the year; and

6 WHEREAS, during the pandemic, he wrote a children's
7 book, "Josey Johnson's Hair and the Holy Spirit", to bring a
8 little more joy and hope into the world; and

9 WHEREAS, Esau McCaulley, Ph.D., has become an
10 increasingly influential voice in the United States on issues
11 of black history, theology and culture, while regularly writing
12 in the Washington Post, The New York Times, The Religious New
13 Service, and Christianity Today; and

14 WHEREAS, he is married to Mandy, a pediatrician and
15 a U. S. Navy reservist; together, they have four wonderful
16 children; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we commend Esau McCaulley,
19 Ph.D., for his influential work and achievements in the faith
20 community and look forward to his continued success.