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HR_____ RECOGNIZING DR. O. WENDELL DAVIS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 35TH ANNIVERSARY AS THE PASTOR OF UNION CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we highly honor Dr. O. Wendell Davis for 35 years of service as pastor of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Davis and his wife, Dora, will be recognized for their dedicated service on April 21, 2024, at Union Chapel M. B. Church; the theme for this celebration is *Celebrating the Laborer that Dwells Among Us*; Pastor Leon Bell, Jr., of St. Joseph Baptist Church in Mobile, will lead the worship experience; the celebration will conclude with a fellowship luncheon to honor Pastor Davis and Dora for 35 years of unwavering commitment, dedication, and sacrifice to the Union Chapel Church family; and

WHEREAS, born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Davis spent his formative years in Gulfport, Mississippi; upon graduating high school, he joined the U.S. Army and spent three years serving his country; and

WHEREAS, he committed his life to Christ at the age of 24 years; one year later, he was called into ministry work and he has served in ministry for over 40 years; in September 1989, he answered the call to pastor Union Chapel



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29 Missionary Baptist Church, and he has the utmost distinction
30 of being only the third pastor in the church's 91-year
31 history; and

32 WHEREAS, Pastor Davis is an accomplished Bible
33 scholar and teacher and an influential preacher of God's
34 Word; for more than 20 years, he served as an instructor in
35 the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education; he has
36 also served as Dean of Union Chapel Bible College and as an
37 instructor for the Alabama State Congress of Christian
38 Education; and

39 WHEREAS, in keeping with Pastor Davis' belief that
40 leadership in ministry must be intentional and holistic, he
41 has prayerfully worked with the congregation on building
42 projects to grow and enrich Union Chapel M. B. Church: he
43 led in the acquisition of 150 acres of land to use for the
44 construction of the 315 Winchester Road Church complex;
45 founded the Union Chapel Institute of Biblical Studies;
46 established the Union Chapel Christian Academy; spearheaded
47 the construction and completion of the new Union Chapel
48 Child Development Center, a state-of-the-art family life
49 center for continuous family enrichment; and oversaw the
50 building of an outdoor church pavilion to use for outdoor
51 fellowship activities; and

52 WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Dr.
53 Wendell Davis has adhered to a set of steadfast core values
54 and beliefs while serving the members of Union Chapel
55 Missionary Baptist Church; his Biblical knowledge and
56 thoughtful consideration is highly regarded and sought



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57 after; and the dedication and love of his church family is a
58 testament of his faith; now therefore,

59 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
60 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we extend heartiest
61 congratulations to Dr. O. Wendell Davis on the occasion of
62 his 35th Anniversary as the Pastor of Union Chapel
63 Missionary Baptist Church, and this resolution is offered to
64 him in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with
65 sincere best wishes for all future endeavors.