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HR\_\_\_\_\_ CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN'S  
EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, St.  
John's Evangelical Protestant Church is highly commended and  
congratulated on the occasion of celebrating its 150th  
Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church was  
founded as First Evangelical Protestant Church by Colonel  
Johann Gottfried Cullmann and the first five families who  
settled the area that was soon to be incorporated and named  
for its founder; soon, 123 more families arrived in the  
settlement of German speaking families; services were  
conducted in German until 1932, when they were limited to  
twice a month because the population of the town grew to be  
an English speaking people; German services were  
discontinued altogether in 1941; and

WHEREAS, for many years, as a rare German community  
in the deep South, the Evangelical Protestant Church sought  
German pastors with less consideration given to  
denominational ties; the church hosted pastors from a  
variety of different backgrounds, including ecumenically  
minded German Evangelicals and pastors committed to various  
Lutheran synods; eventually, the church affiliated with the  
German Evangelical Church of North America; in 1931, the



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29 Evangelical influence was tempered with a merger with the  
30 Reformed Church to form the Evangelical and Reformed  
31 denomination; then, in 1957, that body merged with the  
32 Congregational Christian churches to make up the United  
33 Church of Christ; today, St. John's is a part of the  
34 Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational  
35 Christian Churches; the church remains devoted to the  
36 community and welcomes people of all denominations who  
37 desire to seek, worship, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ;  
38 and

39 WHEREAS, the church continues to thrive under its  
40 current leadership team and its Senior Pastor, Reverend Dr.  
41 John Richter; the church offers worship services, small  
42 groups, youth and senior ministries, and community outreach;  
43 now therefore,

44 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
45 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That St. John's Evangelical  
46 Protestant Church is commended and congratulated on the  
47 occasion of its 150th Anniversary, and this resolution is  
48 offered to the church, its leadership, and its faith  
49 community as evidence of our high regard and with best  
50 wishes for continued prosperity, success, and blessings.