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4 HR_____ COMMENDING REVEREND DR. PRINCE EMANUEL YELDER ON HIS
5 45TH ANNIVERSARY IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY.
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7 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Prince Emanuel Yelder has
8 dedicated his life to the ministry of gospel music,
9 beginning his journey at the age of 13 when he played for
10 his first church, and has since become an influential force
11 in the gospel music industry; and

12 WHEREAS, over the past 45 years, Dr. Yelder has
13 worked with some of gospel's most esteemed artists,
14 including James Bignon, Dr. Bobby Jones, Kirk Franklin,
15 Beverly Crawford, Reverend Daryl Coley, Richard Smallwood,
16 Dorinda Clark Cole, and Ricky Dillard, among many others;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Yelder has performed on national
19 television showcases, including BET's Bobby Jones Gospel,
20 and his choir, Disciples for Christ, which remains the only
21 choir from Alabama to have performed on the Stellar Gospel
22 Music Awards stage; and

23 WHEREAS, his extensive recording career includes
24 collaborations with Reverend Timothy Wright, Wanda Nero
25 Butler, Dorothy Norwood, Beverly Crawford, and Angela
26 Spivey, as well as directing and producing major gospel
27 projects such as "Hymns & Church Songs Live From Alabama"
28 and his Malaco Gospel Label release, "He'll Work It Out";



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29 and

30 WHEREAS, he has successfully blended classical and
31 gospel music, training choirs to perform Latin arrangements
32 and compositions from G.F. Handel's "Messiah," while also
33 collaborating with Dr. Myrtice Collins at Jacksonville State
34 University and working with the Alabama and Gadsden
35 Symphonies to prepare for special musical events; and

36 WHEREAS, Dr. Yelder has brought gospel music to an
37 international audience, conducting concert tours in Ireland,
38 Korea, Japan, and Switzerland, where he performed in
39 Geneva's prestigious Victoria Hall; and

40 WHEREAS, his dedication to ministry extends beyond
41 music, having been licensed and ordained in the Baptist
42 denomination, as well as receiving an Honorary Doctoral
43 Degree in Divinity from the Abundant Life School of
44 Ministry; and

45 WHEREAS, Dr. Yelder continues to serve as Minister of
46 Music for the Birmingham Community Mass Choir, Disciples for
47 Christ Music Ministry, and Thanksgiving, Praise & Worship,
48 and previously served as Assistant to the Pastor for Music &
49 Cultural Arts at New Hope Baptist Church; now therefore,

50 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
51 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we do hereby commend and
52 congratulate Reverend Dr. Prince Emanuel Yelder on the
53 momentous occasion of his 45th anniversary in the music
54 industry and express our sincere appreciation for his
55 contributions to gospel music and ministry.