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SJR___ CELEBRATING THE 111TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT STANISLAUS
CATHOLIC CHURCH.

WHEREAS, the churches of our Nation have been an
integral part of our history as a people and have had an
unparalleled impact in forming and maintaining a stable and
just society; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize
those venerable religious institutions and their
congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for
love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to
enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such dynamic and historic community of
faith is Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church in Birmingham,
Alabama, the members of which will celebrate the church's
111th Anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, officially established in 1914, the Saint
Stanislaus Parish began when Rev. Father Paul Klich, a
native of Poland who was commissioned by Bishop Edward P.
Allen to serve the Polish people of the district, many of
whom came to work in the coal and ore mines of the steel
mills in Birmingham, offered Mass and held other services in
a large frame building provided by the Tennessee Coal and
Iron Company; and

WHEREAS, upon the transfer of Father Klich to



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29 Warrington, Florida, the Benedictine Fathers of Saint
30 Bernard Abbey served the people of the Parish from
31 1911-1923; the Mission was raised to the status of Parish in
32 1913; in 1915, the building was destroyed by fire, and the
33 Tennessee Coal and Iron Company furnished the people with
34 another place in which to hold services; and

35 WHEREAS, in April 1923, Father Klich returned as
36 Pastor of Saint Stanislaus Parish; he immediately began a
37 building program; the Cornerstone was laid 100 years ago by
38 the Very Rev. William A. Kerrigan in November 1925; Mass was
39 offered for the first time on Easter Sunday, 1926; by 1958,
40 improvements and renovations were very much a necessity, and
41 the parish took the opportunity to erect a much needed
42 Parish Hall; and

43 WHEREAS, today, Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church,
44 belonging to the Diocese of Birmingham, is known to house a
45 tight-knit community that welcomes both locals and travelers
46 with open arms; the church is appreciated for its warm and
47 friendly atmosphere as well as its active role in the
48 community with charity initiatives such as clothes and food
49 donations; and

50 WHEREAS, the combination of the locality's solid
51 sense of community and the church's inspiring spiritual
52 ambiance makes it an ideal place not only for worship, but
53 also for forging meaningful connections and bonds; and

54 WHEREAS, for 111 years, Saint Stanislaus Catholic
55 Church has served as a catalyst for positive spiritual
56 change in Alabama, and the members of this exceptional and



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57 historic congregation should be honored for their exemplary
58 service to the good people of the community; now therefore,

59 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
60 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we join in celebrating the
61 111th Anniversary of Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church,
62 thanking the good people of the parish for their notable
63 service to the Lord and the State of Alabama, and wishing
64 them much continued success and happiness.