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4 SJR___ CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF EVERGREEN
5 BAPTIST CHURCH.
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7 WHEREAS, the churches in Alabama have been an
8 integral part of our history as a people and have had an
9 unparalleled impact in forming and maintaining a stable and
10 just society; and

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

16 WHEREAS, one such dynamic and historic community of
17 faith is Evergreen Baptist Church, located in Clayton,
18 Alabama, the members of which will celebrate the church's
19 150th Anniversary this year; and

20 WHEREAS, Evergreen Baptist Church was originally
21 built as a log structure on land donated by Reverend A.H.
22 Borders, the first pastor; it was later replaced by a square
23 frame building with wooden shutters, which served the
24 congregation until 1942, when the current building was
25 constructed; over the ensuing years, the church building has
26 been expanded and renovated many times to meet the needs of
27 the changing congregation; and

28 WHEREAS, for 150 years, holy guidance and leadership



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has been provided by many different pastors who have all left their marks on the historic church, congregation, and community; these pastors include Reverend J.A. Seay; Pastor F.M. Shirah; Reverend Lon Renfroe; Reverend W.T. James; Reverend B.S. Warr; Reverend Wendell Wentz; Reverend L.D. Woodham; Pastor Scott Watson; Pastor S.J. Graham; Pastor K.B. Russell; Pastor Ronald Earles; Pastor Raymond Miller; and Pastor Earl Ledbetter, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Wiley McWhorter is currently serving as minister to the congregation of Evergreen Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Evergreen Baptist Church has survived throughout the years by the commitment of its members and by the loving grace of God; many generations of congregants have been encouraged and their faith strengthened through the leadership of this church; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable congregation indeed, Evergreen Baptist Church has been passionately sharing the Word and love of God, transforming lives, and bringing people together in fellowship for a century and a half; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we join in celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Evergreen Baptist Church, and this resolution is offered to its pastor and congregation in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere best wishes for continued blessings.