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HJR\_\_\_ HONORING THARPTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE THARPTOWN COMMUNITY AND FRANKLIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, Tharptown Baptist Church traces its historic roots to when the first congregation was organized at Tharp Springs Baptist Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, through perseverance and faith, the church was reorganized in 1886 and has continued to grow and flourish, becoming a steadfast pillar of Christian witness and community life in the Tharptown area; and

WHEREAS, from its early days meeting in a humble log cabin that served as both church and schoolhouse, to the construction of subsequent buildings in 1886, 1939, 1952, and the present sanctuary in 1988, Tharptown Baptist Church has faithfully adapted and expanded to meet the spiritual and practical needs of its congregation; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the church has been committed not only to worship, but also to education, fellowship, and service, hosting Sunday School, Training Union, Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassadors, the Women's Missionary Union, and numerous other ministries that have nurtured generations of families in faith and discipleship; and

WHEREAS, the church has served as a gathering place



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29 for the community, standing across from the Tharptown  
30 Cemetery, and has been deeply woven into the fabric of local  
31 life, providing spiritual leadership, guidance, and support  
32 through times of hardship, including the years following the  
33 Civil War and beyond; and

34 WHEREAS, Tharptown Baptist Church has been blessed  
35 with faithful pastors, deacons, teachers, and lay leaders  
36 who have labored diligently for the advancement of the  
37 Gospel and the strengthening of Christian fellowship; and

38 WHEREAS, for well over a century, the church has  
39 maintained its commitment to proclaiming the message of  
40 Jesus Christ, supporting missions, fostering unity among  
41 believers, and serving as a beacon of hope and faith in  
42 Franklin County; now therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
44 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Tharptown Baptist Church is  
45 hereby honored and commended for its many years of dedicated  
46 service to the Tharptown Community and surrounding areas.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That sincere appreciation is  
48 extended to the pastors, members, and leaders, past and  
49 present, whose devotion and sacrifice have sustained the  
50 church's ministry and strengthened the spiritual life of the  
51 community.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be  
53 presented as a lasting tribute of gratitude and recognition  
54 for Tharptown Baptist Church's enduring legacy of faith,  
55 service, and commitment to God and neighbor.