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HR _____ COMMENDING REVEREND DR. WALTER D. BALL FOR 40 YEARS
OF PASTORAL LEADERSHIP AT MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we
commend Reverend Dr. Walter D. Ball for 40 years of
dedicated Christian service as the Senior Pastor of Morning
Star Baptist Church in Hooper City, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, a native of Sumter County, Alabama, Reverend
Dr. Walter Ball was born on April 14, 1957, to the union of
Anna Laura and Charlie Ball; and

WHEREAS, following his high school graduation in
1975, he furthered his education at Livingston University,
where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education; he
later earned a Master of Theology and a Ph.D. from the
Tennessee State School of Religion; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Ball was first called to preach
during his sophomore year at Livingston University,
delivering his initial sermon the fifth Sunday in October
1977; and

WHEREAS, he was installed as the seventh pastor of
Morning Star Baptist Church on the second Sunday of April
1986, and he has since been a great blessing to the
congregation; with steady hands and a servant's heart, he
has helped build a church grounded in the unfiltered Word of
God; and



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29 WHEREAS, for 35 years, he has served as co-host of
30 the Gospel Unity Hour; and

31 WHEREAS, in addition to his service to the church, he
32 has worked as an educator for over 40 years and currently
33 serves in the Fairfield School System at Robinson Primary
34 School; and

35 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Ball has earned widespread
36 admiration and respect and touched countless lives through
37 his ministry; on April 12, 2026, Morning Star Baptist Church
38 will recognize him for 40 years of unwavering commitment,
39 dedication, and sacrifice to the church family and
40 surrounding community; now therefore,

41 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
42 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Reverend Dr. Walter D. Ball is
43 hereby highly honored and commended upon the occasion of his
44 40th Anniversary as pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church,
45 and this resolution is offered to him in deepest admiration
46 and appreciation for his pastoral and community service,
47 together with sincere best wishes for continued blessings.