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8 HONORING CENTRAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE
9 OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly extended to Central Missionary Baptist
13 Church on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary; and

14 WHEREAS, Central Missionary Baptist Church traces
15 its roots to 1918 and flourished under the leadership of its
16 first pastor, the Reverend W.H. Smith; services were held in a
17 small church located on Avenue G near Prichard Lane until a
18 storm destroyed the building, and the congregation began to
19 meet at the residence of Sister Mary Lou Bumpers Smith; and

20 WHEREAS, under the leadership of its second pastor,
21 Reverend B.M. Lovett, Central Missionary Baptist Church
22 purchased property on the corner of Reynolds Avenue and F
23 Street in Prichard, Alabama; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1944, under the leadership of Reverend
25 Emmett White, a new church was constructed and structure and
26 organization was established within the membership; during

1 this time, deacons were ordained and ministries began to
2 blossom; and

3 WHEREAS, on September 16, 1950, Reverend Leroy
4 Boykin took the helm of leadership and under his guidance much
5 progress occurred, another church was built across the street
6 from the original church, 10 deacons were ordained and 25
7 ministers were licensed to preach, and the music, mission, and
8 matron ministries expanded; and

9 WHEREAS, on April 18, 1989, Reverend Harry Bernard
10 Pugh, Sr., became pastor at the age of 37 and his leadership
11 affected much positive change; tragedy occurred on June 19,
12 2007, when the church was struck by lightning and the
13 sanctuary burned; Reverend Norvel Glover and the Mount Calvary
14 Baptist Church altruistically opened their Life Center to
15 Central Baptist Church at this time; and

16 WHEREAS, when Central Missionary Baptist Church
17 faced a dilemma because they couldn't receive a loan due to a
18 lack of credit history, 85-year-old Richard Moore blessed the
19 congregation by providing the funds for a new building; on
20 August 11, 2011, Central Missionary Baptist Church broke
21 ground and voted to appoint Pastor Pugh to oversee and design
22 the construction project; on March 25, 2012, Central
23 Missionary Baptist Church held its first worship service on
24 its present site in Whistler, Alabama; and

25 WHEREAS, Central Missionary Baptist Church has
26 overcome trials and tribulations and prospered under the favor
27 and grace of the Holy Spirit; Central Missionary Baptist

1 Church will continue to serve as a beacon of light and a
2 pillar of faith within the community and beyond; now
3 therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
5 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Central Missionary Baptist
6 Church is honored and commended, and this resolution is
7 offered to Reverend Harry Bernard Pugh and his congregation in
8 highest tribute, as well as with sincere best wishes for
9 continued blessings.