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3 By Senator Ward
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 15-FEB-18

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4 ENROLLED, SJR70,

5 COMMEMORATING THE BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH ON ITS
6 150TH ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 27, 2018.

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8 WHEREAS, it is a time of great rejoicing for the
9 pastor and congregation of Bethlehem Baptist Church located in
10 Centreville, Alabama, on celebrating a Sesquicentennial
11 Anniversary, a significant milestone that represents a
12 time-honored tradition of service for the glorious Kingdom of
13 God; and

14 WHEREAS, Bethlehem Baptist Church traces its roots
15 to 1868, when the settlers of the community began holding
16 worship services in the schoolhouse; after a week of hosting
17 evangelistic services, the number of those gathering to praise
18 the Lord increased to 29, a number high enough to provide
19 reason to establish a church; the pioneer settlers chose the
20 Reverend S. V. McGinnis as the first pastor, and he named the
21 church Bethlehem; and

22 WHEREAS, the first church was built near the
23 schoolhouse from logs at the cost of \$2.00; years later, it
24 was torn down and replaced with a frame building; in 1936, the

1 church was rebuilt for a third time on a site that remains the
2 current place of worship; and

3 WHEREAS, Bethlehem Baptist Church has positively
4 impacted countless lives and will continue to serve as a
5 beacon of light and a pillar of faith for those within the
6 community; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we commend and congratulate
9 the Bethlehem Baptist Church, and its pastor, Reverend Thomas
10 A. Conroy, and his congregation on the occasion of the
11 church's 150th Anniversary, and by copy of this resolution,
12 wish them success in all future endeavors.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Ward