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3 By Representatives Hall, Hinshaw, Taylor, Ball, McCutcheon,  
4 Sanderford and Williams (P)  
5 RFD: Rules  
6 First Read: 02-MAR-10

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2       ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3                   COMMENDING REVEREND DOCTOR JULIUS SCRUGGS ON  
4                   OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.

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6                   WHEREAS, the Reverend Doctor Julius R. Scruggs has  
7                   been an outstanding minister and servant of God throughout his  
8                   life and career; and

9                   WHEREAS, Reverend Scruggs, a native of Elkton,  
10                  Tennessee, was reared in Toney, Alabama, by his loving  
11                  parents, the Reverend and Mrs. Earl Scruggs, Sr.; he graduated  
12                  from Council Training High School in Huntsville and proceeded  
13                  to American Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee, where he  
14                  earned his Bachelor of Arts degree; thereafter, he earned  
15                  Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from the  
16                  Vanderbilt University School of Divinity in Nashville; and

17                  WHEREAS, Reverend Scruggs began his ministerial  
18                  career at the age of 18 at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist  
19                  Church in Harvest, where he served from 1960 to 1965; he  
20                  pastored the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church in Nashville from 1965  
21                  to 1972 and the Antioch Baptist Church in East Chicago,  
22                  Indiana, from 1972 to 1977; he has been the pastor of First  
23                  Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville since returning home  
24                  in 1977; and

1                   WHEREAS, an accomplished intellectual and theorist,  
2 Reverend Scruggs has authored four books - *Meditations on the*  
3 *Church, Baptist Preachers with Social Consciousness: A*  
4 *Comparative Study of Martin Luther King, Jr., and Harry*  
5 *Fosdick, God is Faithful, and How to Study and Teach the*  
6 *Bible; and*

7                   WHEREAS, Reverend Scruggs is a man of deep social  
8 consciousness who has given countless hours to religious and  
9 community causes; he is a member of the Board of Trustees of  
10 the American Baptist College and former member of the Selma  
11 University and former President of the Alabama State  
12 Missionary Baptist Convention (President Emeritus); he is a  
13 member of the Huntsville Human Relations Commission and a  
14 member and former president of the Greater Huntsville  
15 Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship; and

16                   WHEREAS, Reverend Scruggs' work in the church and  
17 community has garnered countless awards and recognitions; in  
18 1998, he received the Martin Luther King, Jr., Award from the  
19 GHIMF; in 1999, he was elected Vice President of the National  
20 Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; in 2009, the NBC elected  
21 Reverend Scruggs President, an office he will hold through  
22 2014; and

23                   WHEREAS, in his tenure at First Missionary Baptist,  
24 Reverend Scruggs has presided over unprecedented growth for

1 the church, its congregation, and its ministries in the  
2 community; and

3 WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Reverend Scruggs is  
4 married to the former Josephine Stewart Tipton; Reverend and  
5 Mrs. Scruggs are the proud parents of a daughter, Jennifer  
6 Juliette Scruggs and a son, Morris Errol Tipton, II; they have  
7 three grandchildren, Morris E. Tipton, III, Morgan Taylor  
8 Tipton, and Elizabeth Francina Scruggs; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Scruggs has led a remarkable life  
10 and enjoyed an outstanding career in the ministry; his record  
11 of accomplishment honors all Alabamians; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we heartily commend the  
14 Reverend Doctor Julius R. Scruggs on his service to God and  
15 man and that, by copy of this resolution, we extend our  
16 sincerest good wishes for all his future endeavors.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
9 and was adopted by the House 03-MAR-10.

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Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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