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3 By Senators French, Barron, Beason, Bedford, Benefield,
4 Bishop, Brooks, Butler, Coleman, Denton, Dixon, Dunn, Erwin,
5 Figures, Glover, Holley, Keahey, Little (T), Little (Z),
6 Marsh, Means, Mitchell, Mitchem, Orr, Penn, Pittman, Poole,
7 Preuitt, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman,
8 and Waggoner
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10 First Read: 25-MAR-10

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8 COMMENDING FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LEEDS ON ITS 100TH
9 ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a great privilege to extend
12 commendations and congratulations to First Baptist Church
13 Leeds on the occasion of celebrating 100 years of service to
14 the glory of God; and

15 WHEREAS, First Baptist Church Leeds was organized on
16 April 10, 1910, with 15 members; Reverend James Stewart served
17 as the first pastor, and worship services were initially held
18 in the First Presbyterian Church building on the second Sunday
19 of each month; the first two deacons were ordained in July
20 1912; and

21 WHEREAS, after property was acquired on Ashville
22 Road, a new wooden building was erected and the first service
23 was held on July 8, 1913; by April of the following year, the
24 congregation had grown to 68, and morning and evening services
25 were held each Sunday; and

1 WHEREAS, the original wooden building was eventually
2 dismantled, and usable materials were salvaged for use in a
3 new structure that was dedicated on October 23, 1938, and
4 still stands on Ashville Road; and

5 WHEREAS, the present site of First Baptist Church
6 Leeds was acquired in November 1966; plans were presented in
7 July 1969, and the completed building was dedicated on
8 December 3, 1972; and

9 WHEREAS, as the congregation continued to grow, a
10 Christian activities building was added in November 1989; and

11 WHEREAS, in its Centennial year, the church
12 continues to be blessed with an outstanding music ministry,
13 Women's Missionary Union, children's ministry, and a dedicated
14 deacon ministry; and

15 WHEREAS, the congregation is also blessed with a
16 true man of God, Reverend Ray McKenzie, the current pastor who
17 has led the church since September 2007 and continues the
18 tradition of dedicated service to the members, the community,
19 and the glory of the gospel; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That First Baptist Church Leeds is
22 honored and commended on the occasion of celebrating its 100th
23 Anniversary, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute
24 to this venerable institution, along with heartiest
25 congratulations and best wishes for the future.