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8 CONGRATULATING PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH ON ITS 48TH
9 ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING CELEBRATION.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to extend
12 commendations and congratulations to Providence Baptist Church
13 of Selma, Alabama, on the occasion of its 48th Anniversary and
14 Homecoming Celebration on May 2, 2010; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1959, a small group of Selma residents
16 saw a need to establish a church and received permission to
17 worship on Sundays in the wooden schoolroom in their
18 community, never losing sight of their true goal of building a
19 church; and

20 WHEREAS, although money was scarce, the few initial
21 members pooled their resources and in 1960 purchased a lot on
22 Treemont Street; construction was begun in 1961 under the
23 leadership of Reverend William N. Kemp; in May 1961, the first
24 service was held, and the first piano was donated by Dr.
25 William Dinkins and his wife; and

26 WHEREAS, following the death of Reverend Kemp, the
27 church was led by Reverend Grayson, Reverend G. Davis, and the

1 current pastor, Reverend Raymond Brown, who was called to
2 Providence in 1987; and

3 WHEREAS, currently blessed with a devout membership
4 of 215, Providence Baptist Church is an active member of the
5 Alabama State Baptist Convention and the National Baptist
6 Convention; and

7 WHEREAS, through the years, Providence Baptist
8 Church has been an inspirational beacon of faith and a pillar
9 of strength, providing spiritual outreach throughout the
10 community; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
12 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Providence Baptist Church is
13 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered in
14 highest tribute to the church, along with heartiest
15 congratulations on the occasion of its 48th Anniversary and
16 Homecoming Celebration on May 2, 2010.