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8 RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BRIARWOOD
9 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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11 WHEREAS, we note with pride and appreciation that
12 Briarwood Presbyterian Church will observe its 50th
13 anniversary on September 25, 2010; and

14 WHEREAS, founded September 25, 1960, in Cahaba
15 Heights, Briarwood Presbyterian has grown from 92 charter
16 members to its present membership of over 4,200; and

17 WHEREAS, Briarwood Presbyterian is recognized as the
18 birthplace of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), having
19 hosted the first General Assembly of the PCA in 1973; the
20 Presbyterian Church in America is one of our nation's most
21 rapidly growing and influential religious denominations; and

22 WHEREAS, over the five decades of Briarwood
23 Presbyterian's existence, more than 450 of its members have
24 accepted the call to full-time international missionary
25 service and an additional 350 members have entered domestic
26 ministry; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1999, Dr. Frank M. Barker, Jr.,
2 Briarwood's founder, retired and was replaced by Dr. Harry L.
3 Reeder, III, who presently serves as minister; and

4 WHEREAS, the staff and congregation of Briarwood
5 Presbyterian Church are widely recognized throughout Alabama
6 and the United States for their leadership and dedication to
7 the mission of spreading their Christian faith at home and
8 abroad; we are privileged by the opportunity to join in this
9 milestone observance; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize the 50th
12 anniversary of the founding of Briarwood Presbyterian Church
13 and direct that a copy of this resolution be delivered to Dr.
14 Harry L. Reeder, III, with our sincere gratitude and highest
15 esteem.