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3 By Representative Hall
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8 RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION OF THE UNION CHAPEL
9 FAMILY LIFE CENTER IN HONOR OF MR. CHARLES L. RAY, JR.
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11 WHEREAS, the Union Chapel Family Life Center of the
12 Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church is being named in honor
13 of Mr. Charles L. Ray, Jr., in well-deserved recognition of
14 his philanthropy and lifelong service; and

15 WHEREAS, the dedication ceremony is scheduled for
16 April 30, 2011; the Family Life Center is designed to provide
17 health and wellness programs as well as recreational programs
18 to enhance the emotional, social, mental, spiritual, and
19 physical balance in the lives of the members of Union Chapel
20 Missionary Baptist Church; and

21 WHEREAS, a native of Huntsville, Mr. Ray is known
22 for his volunteerism, community leadership, and professional
23 achievement, highlighted by his distinguished career as Equal
24 Employment Opportunity Program Manager at Redstone Arsenal,
25 where he served with dedication from 1971 until his retirement
26 in 2001; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Ray earned a Bachelor of Science Degree
2 in History and a Master's Degree in Urban Studies from Alabama
3 A and M University, and an Associate Degree in Mortuary
4 Science from Jefferson State Community College in Birmingham,
5 Alabama; he also served his country with pride and patriotism
6 as a member of the United States Armed Forces; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Ray is esteemed as an educator,
8 businessman, and humanitarian whose contributions to his
9 fellowman are innumerable, most notably in his unwavering
10 commitment to serve the underserved; his recent awards and
11 recognitions include: Hall of Fame Inductee,
12 Huntsville-Madison County Chapter, National Association for
13 the Advancement of Colored People, August 2009; Honoree,
14 Rosetta James Foundation Honoring Our Elders, 2008; and
15 Inductee, Defense Credit Union Council's Hall of Honor,
16 September 2010; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Ray has been actively involved as a
18 volunteer in the Redstone Federal Credit Union including
19 serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors for 28 years,
20 retiring in February 2011; he is also a successful
21 entrepreneur, the owner and president of Nelms Memorial
22 Funeral Home; and

23 WHEREAS, devoted to family and faith, he is the
24 proud father of a daughter, Terri, and has been a devout
25 member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church for many
26 years; his most recent magnanimous contribution was an endowed
27 scholarship at Union Chapel Christian Academy; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That upon the occasion of naming
3 the Family Life Center at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist
4 Church in honor of Mr. Charles L. Ray, Jr., we direct that a
5 copy of this resolution be presented to him as evidence of the
6 esteem in which he is held.