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3 By Senators Dunn, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Fielding, Figures,
5 Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey, Marsh, McGill, Orr,
6 Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield, Singleton,
7 Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley, and
8 Williams

9 RFD:

10 First Read: 27-APR-11

8 COMMENDING SHADY GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ON
9 ITS 97TH ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, members of the Shady Grove Missionary
12 Baptist Church of Bessemer, Alabama, are observing the 97th
13 Anniversary of its founding on May 15, 2011, with special
14 services celebrating the Church's distinguished heritage; and

15 WHEREAS, the history of the Shady Grove Missionary
16 Baptist Church is traced to May 6, 1914, when a small group of
17 Christian men and women organized to establish a central place
18 of worship, choosing a site at the edge of a mining camp
19 called "Sloss" in the southeastern area of Bessemer; Reverend
20 W.M. Brown was called to serve as the first Pastor; and

21 WHEREAS, as the membership increased, new quarters
22 for worship were needed and provided; and

23 WHEREAS, the present brick structure was erected in
24 the late 1960s, and additional property was acquired to serve
25 the needs of the congregation as the church grew both
26 spiritually and financially; and

1 WHEREAS, through the years, the church has been
2 blessed with dedicated pastors who provided the leadership to
3 expand the programs, enhance the ministries, and increase the
4 outreach; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Victor L. Harkins, Sr., began his
6 inspirational pastorate in October 1998 and maintains the
7 honored traditions of his predecessors, as the church
8 continues its phenomenal growth and development into new areas
9 of service to the congregation and the entire community; now
10 therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Shady Grove Missionary
13 Baptist Church is honored and commended on the occasion of
14 celebrating its 97th Anniversary on May 15, 2011, and this
15 resolution is offered in highest tribute to its illustrious
16 history, along with best wishes for the future.