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3 By Representatives Merrill, Poole, England and Harper
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8 RECOGNIZING JERRY WILKINS FOR ACHIEVEMENT AND
9 DEDICATED SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to extend highest
12 commendation to Jerry Wilkins in recognition and appreciation
13 of his outstanding record of achievement and dedicated service
14 to the Tuscaloosa Baptist Association; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkins announced his retirement in
16 April 2011, having served as Director of Missions for the
17 Tuscaloosa Baptist Association for almost 27 years; and

18 WHEREAS, a graduate of Samford University and
19 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he was called into
20 the ministry in 1966 while attending Temple Baptist Church in
21 Tuscaloosa; and

22 WHEREAS, he served as pastor of several churches in
23 Texas while in seminary before becoming pastor of Valley View
24 Baptist Church in Leeds, Alabama; and

25 WHEREAS, while serving as pastor of Oakwood Baptist
26 Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, he was contacted by the

1 Tuscaloosa Baptist Association about becoming Director of
2 Missions; and

3 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the association has
4 grown from 59 to 87 churches, built a new resource center, and
5 established the Christian Ministry Center, the Good Samaritan
6 Free Medical Clinic, the Neighborhood Missions Ministry, and a
7 disaster relief program; and

8 WHEREAS, he and his wife of 45 years, Carole, who
9 recently retired from biblical lay counseling, continue to
10 reside in Northport and are members of Lakewood Baptist
11 Church; and

12 WHEREAS, his plans for retirement include finishing
13 the most recent of the books he has written, "A Practical
14 Guide to Associational Missions," and being available for
15 interim pastorates and helping churches as a conflict
16 resolution consultant; in addition, he has been named Director
17 of Missions Emeritus, a testimony to the esteem in which he is
18 held; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Jerry Wilkins is honored and
21 commended, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute
22 to him for his outstanding accomplishments and dedicated
23 service to the community and the Tuscaloosa Baptist
24 Association, along with best wishes in all future endeavors.