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3 By Representative Hubbard (J)
4 RFD:
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8 HONORING BISHOP HENRY NUTT PARSLEY, JR., FOR HIS
9 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.
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11 WHEREAS, since 1999, the Right Reverend Henry Nutt
12 Parsley, Jr., D.D., has served faithfully as Bishop of the
13 Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, having begun his service to the
14 Diocese in 1996 as Bishop Coadjutor; and

15 WHEREAS, under his dedicated tenure, the Diocese of
16 Alabama has grown, both in number of parishes and in number of
17 parishioners; and

18 WHEREAS, before his election to the Episcopate,
19 Bishop Parsley served as Rector of Christ Church in Charlotte,
20 North Carolina; St. Paul's Church in Summerville, South
21 Carolina; and All Saints Church in Florence, South Carolina;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Bishop Parsley has been a preacher on the
24 Protestant Hour and active in many outreach ministries of the
25 Episcopal Church, including serving on the Board of the
26 Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief; and

1 WHEREAS, Bishop Parsley is a trustee of the
2 University of the South, Sewanee, where he served as
3 Chancellor from 2003-2009; he was chair of the Theology
4 Committee of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church from
5 1999-2010 and serves on the board of the College for Bishops;
6 he is also on the board of the Colleges and Universities of
7 the Anglican Communion and is the founding president of the
8 Alabama Faith Council, as well as serving on the board of the
9 Center for Religion and the Environment at Sewanee and the
10 American Friends Board of the Anglican Centre in Rome; and

11 WHEREAS, his educational credentials include:
12 Bachelor of Arts Degree, Magna Cum Laude, University of the
13 South, 1970; Master of Divinity, General Theological Seminary,
14 1973; Doctor of Divinity, University of the South, 1998;
15 Doctor of Divinity, General Theological Seminary, 1998; and
16 extensive studies at Oxford University in England in 1972,
17 1991, and 2002; and

18 WHEREAS, during his collegiate period, he was
19 honored with induction into Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta
20 Kappa; and

21 WHEREAS, among his community contributions, he has
22 been a participant in Leadership Alabama and is a member of
23 the Rotary Club of Birmingham; he is married to the former
24 Rebecca Knox Allison of New Orleans and they have a married
25 son; and

26 WHEREAS, Bishop Parsley has announced his plans to
27 retire, with hopes of pursuing his interests of environmental

1 advocacy, teaching, leading retreats, and perhaps devoting
2 some time to his hobby of fly-fishing; and

3 WHEREAS, through the years, he has earned respect
4 for his exceptional abilities and tireless dedication, and his
5 presence will be greatly missed; now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a privilege to honor and
8 commend Bishop Henry Nutt Parsley, Jr., of the Episcopal
9 Diocese of Alabama, for whom a copy of this resolution is
10 provided in highest tribute and with best wishes for the
11 future, as he embarks upon his well-deserved retirement years.