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3 By Representative Merrill
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8 COMMENDING THE ALABAMA BAPTIST AND ITS STAFF FOR
9 RECEIVING AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and pleasure that
12 The Alabama Baptist is congratulated on winning the top award
13 for regional newspapers, in addition to many individual
14 newspaper staff awards, from the Associated Church Press "ACP"
15 and other organizations; and

16 WHEREAS, based upon its published work in 2010, the
17 newspaper garnered the top award for regional newspaper, the
18 Award of Excellence, for the fifteenth straight year; and

19 WHEREAS, The Alabama Baptist also won an honorable
20 mention award from the Baptist Communicators Association and
21 an award of excellence from Religion Communicators Council
22 "RCC", with two specific issues of the newspaper winning
23 awards of merit from RCC for the October 7, 2010, issue, and
24 award of excellence from ACP for the front page of the June 3,
25 2010, issue; and

26 WHEREAS, the staff of The Alabama Baptist also
27 amassed several individual awards, including recognition for

1 ongoing coverage of gambling issues in Alabama; several
2 feature stories, editorials, and a question and answer piece
3 with gubernatorial candidates, Robert Bentley and Ron Sparks;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, this award-winning Christian newspaper
6 continues to provide information, inspiration, interpretation,
7 and involvement for residents of this state and others to help
8 encourage and equip them to live out the principles of
9 Christian discipleship; and

10 WHEREAS, the achievements and exemplary talent in
11 journalism of the staff of the newspaper bring honor to the
12 State of Alabama; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
14 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we commend The Alabama
15 Baptist and its staff for accomplishments in receiving
16 numerous awards and recognition, and by copy of this
17 resolution we extend congratulations and best wishes for
18 continued success.