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3 By Representative Milligan  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 COMMENDING DR. CHARLES BALLEW FOR DEDICATED SERVICE.  
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10 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in  
11 commending Dr. Charles Ballew in recognition of his 50 years  
12 of dedicated service to God and mankind; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Ballew has announced his retirement  
14 from the pastorate of First Baptist Church in Winfield,  
15 Alabama, where he has spent the last 25 years and is  
16 affectionately known as "Brother Charlie"; and

17 WHEREAS, he answered the call to preach five decades  
18 ago and holds a Doctorate Degree in Divinity, in addition to  
19 having earned Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from The  
20 University of Alabama in 1973 and 1976; and

21 WHEREAS, under his leadership, First Baptist Church  
22 of Winfield has become the largest church in Marion County,  
23 with more than 1,000 members and as many as 700 in attendance  
24 each Sunday; and

25 WHEREAS, his stewardship of the church has been  
26 marked by both spiritual growth and expanded facilities,

1 including construction of a music and educational wing and  
2 completion of a new sanctuary; and

3                   WHEREAS, he is married to Joyce Ballew, who has been  
4 his devoted helpmate for 53 years, and they have two grown  
5 sons, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and

6                   WHEREAS, through the years, he has earned respect  
7 for his exceptional abilities and unwavering commitment; now  
8 therefore,

9                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his  
11 outstanding accomplishments and tireless dedication, Dr.  
12 Charles Ballew is most highly honored and commended, and this  
13 resolution is offered in admiration and appreciation to him,  
14 along with best wishes as he embarks upon his well-deserved  
15 retirement years.