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3       By Representatives Jackson and Boyd  
4       RFD:  
5       First Read: 23-JAN-14

8 COMMENDING BISHOP TERESA E. SNORTON AS PRESIDING  
9 BISHOP OF THE CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.  
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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Bishop  
12 Teresa E. Snorton is recognized for her outstanding  
13 accomplishments and her dedicated service as the 59th Bishop  
14 and the first female Bishop of the Christian Methodist  
15 Episcopal (CME) Church; and

16 WHEREAS, Bishop Snorton is Presiding Prelate of the  
17 Fifth Episcopal District of the CME Church; and

18 WHEREAS, she is a fourth-generation, lifelong member  
19 of the CME whose great-grandfather, father, and uncle were  
20 pastors; Bishop Snorton's grandmother was an active  
21 missionary, her mother is an evangelist, and her two sisters  
22 are also CME ministers; and

23 WHEREAS, Bishop Snorton holds a Bachelor's Degree  
24 from Vanderbilt University, a Master of Divinity Degree from  
25 Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, a Master of  
26 Theology in Pastoral Care from Southern Baptist Theological  
27 Seminary; a Postgraduate Certificate in Patient Counseling

1 from Virginia Commonwealth University; and Doctor of Ministry  
2 Degree from United Theological Seminary; and

3 WHEREAS, prior to and during seminary, she worked on  
4 the ministerial staff of CME churches in her home state of  
5 Kentucky and, after completing seminary, she was appointed to  
6 pastor Lampkins Chapel CME Church in Louisville, Kentucky; she  
7 has played key roles on numerous boards and committees of the  
8 CME Church; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to her pastoral work, Bishop  
10 Snorton has been active in the pastoral care field, serving as  
11 Executive Director of the National Association of Clinical  
12 Pastoral Education, Incorporated, and on the faculties of  
13 Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Union University,  
14 the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and the  
15 Emory Center for Pastoral Services; and

16 WHEREAS, a noted author, she has also been the  
17 recipient of numerous awards in the pastoral care and  
18 education fields; Bishop Snorton is a member of the  
19 International Congress of Pastoral Care and Counseling, the  
20 Society for Pastoral Theology, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority;  
21 she is the mother of two sons and has two grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, through the years, Bishop Snorton has  
23 earned respect for her exceptional abilities and tireless  
24 dedication; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That it is a great pleasure to  
27 honor and commend Bishop Teresa E. Snorton as the 59th Bishop

1       and the first female Bishop of the Christian Methodist  
2       Episcopal Church, and this resolution is offered in highest  
3       tribute to her along with best wishes in all future endeavors.