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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.

10
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.