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3       By Representative Knight  
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8 HONORING MAGGIE STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ON  
9 CELEBRATING ITS 116TH ANNIVERSARY.  
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11 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous pleasure to convey  
12 commendations and congratulations to Maggie Street Missionary  
13 Baptist Church on the occasion of celebrating its 116th  
14 Anniversary of service to God and mankind; and

15 WHEREAS, Maggie Street Missionary Baptist Church has  
16 a long and illustrious history that stands as a powerful  
17 testimony to its faithful and devoted members' unwavering  
18 faith in God's will, Christian servitude, and meritorious  
19 works in the community that reflect God's love and grace for  
20 His children; and

21 WHEREAS, the venerable church originated in Pages  
22 Hall and was first guided by the holy and wise counsel of the  
23 late Reverend Parker Ash; he and a few dedicated members  
24 purchased a site on Maggie Street and moved the church from  
25 Pages Hall; and

1           WHEREAS, Maggie Street Missionary Baptist Church's  
2           numerous ministries and have blessed countless lives over the  
3           years; and

4           WHEREAS, throughout the church's record of service  
5           the following pastors have provided spiritual leadership as  
6           humble servants of God: the late Parker A. Ash, B.F. Oden,  
7           J.H. Rose, William Riley Hanes, Otis Daniel Jones, Benny  
8           Dansby Lambert, Russell Beverly, Roosevelt Parks, Dr. Issaac  
9           Leon Forbes, Sr., Billy Charles Mayes, and current pastor,  
10          Ezekiel Pettway, Sr., and

11          WHEREAS, a significant milestone of Maggie Street  
12          Missionary Baptist Church is the establishment of the Dream  
13          Center, which stemmed from Reverend Pettway's vision to reach  
14          those who have lost hope and give them hope, show those who  
15          have given up on their dreams how to dream again, bring rest  
16          to the restless, build self-esteem, show that God is the God  
17          of many chances, exemplify the love of God by embracing and  
18          offering a place of comfort, refuge, peace, and most of all,  
19          to bring the non-believers to Jesus and provide whatever they  
20          need to grow spiritually; and

21          WHEREAS, for 116 years, the family of faith at  
22          Maggie Street Missionary Baptist Church has served as a beacon  
23          of light for the community and beyond; now therefore,

24          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
25          THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Maggie Street Missionary  
26          Baptist Church is honored and commended, and this resolution  
27          is offered in highest tribute to the leadership and members,

1 along with heartiest congratulations on the occasion of  
2 celebrating the church's 116th Anniversary.