

1 HJR12
2 164137-2
3 By Representative Buskey
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 03-MAR-15

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 HONORING THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

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5 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to
6 the venerable Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, which is
7 observing its 160th Anniversary in the Year of Our Lord 2014;
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9 WHEREAS, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
10 is the oldest Black Episcopal Congregation in the State of
11 Alabama, having been fostered in Trinity Church, when freed
12 men and slaves were worshiping in Trinity's gallery; and

13 WHEREAS, on May 28, 1854, with the confirmation of
14 seven devout Black members, the Episcopal Church of the Good
15 Shepherd was established; and

16 WHEREAS, in the beginning, services were held in the
17 "Love and Charity Hall" at Dearborn and St. Michael Streets in
18 Mobile, Alabama; other sites were later acquired, and the
19 church is now located on Donald Street in Mobile, where it is
20 a monument to faith and fortitude; and

21 WHEREAS, through the years, the church has expanded
22 in membership and ministries, becoming a viable and visible
23 part in the development of the Diocese of the Central Gulf
24 Coast; and

1 WHEREAS, historical milestones include 1896, when
2 the Reverend James N. Thompson became the first
3 African-American Priest and Rector of the Church; and

4 WHEREAS, on September 15, 2008, the Reverend Nancy
5 Threadgill was called as the twelfth Rector and second female
6 to serve as Rector; and

7 WHEREAS, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
8 continues to serve as a beacon of faith and a source of
9 spiritual strength in the Mobile area, building on its
10 illustrious history; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a privilege to honor the
13 dedicated leaders and devout members of the Episcopal Church
14 of the Good Shepherd, past and present, and it is directed
15 that a copy of this resolution of tribute be provided to the
16 church in recognition of 160 years of service to God and
17 mankind, along with best wishes for the future.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 12-MAR-15.

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16 Senate

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