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3 By Representative Jackson
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8 COMMENDING PASTOR SAMUEL L. CALHOUN FOR FAITHFUL AND
9 DEDICATED LONG-TERM SERVICE.
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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to Pastor Samuel L. Calhoun for 31 years of faithful
13 and dedicated service to Sunflower AOH Church of God in
14 Thomasville, Alabama; he is also the longest living active
15 African American pastor in Thomasville; and

16 WHEREAS, prior to coming to Sunflower AOH Church of
17 God in 1984, Pastor Calhoun served several other Alabama
18 churches including: Century Baptist Church, Grove Hill; True
19 Vine, Cyrene; New Salem, Pine Hill; Union Baptist, Wagerlyville;
20 and St. Matthew Baptist Church, Jackson; and

21 WHEREAS, Pastor Calhoun lives an exemplary life in
22 the church as well as in the community; as an active pastor,
23 he administers the Lord's Supper, performs weddings and
24 funerals, does janitorial duties, keeps the grounds and
25 building as needed, visits the sick and shut-in, and is one of
26 the church musicians; and

1 WHEREAS, Samuel Calhoun retired from the Army after
2 26 years; he has served as Young Adult Choir President, Sunday
3 School Teacher, Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent,
4 Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Associate Minister,
5 and as an honorable Pastor; and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor Calhoun is married to Joyce Fisher
7 Calhoun and is the father of Samuel Calhoun, II, Ryrick
8 Calhoun, Jackolyn Calhoun Grayson, Regina Calhoun Madison, and
9 Melvin Calhoun; and

10 WHEREAS, in addition to serving as a pastor, Samuel
11 L. Calhoun owned Calhoun Trucking for the past 13 years and
12 has skills as an auto and diesel mechanic, welder, plumber,
13 carpenter, electrician, brick mason, barber, and truck driver;
14 indeed, Pastor Calhoun is blessed with many talents and
15 skills; and

16 WHEREAS, through the years, Pastor Calhoun has
17 earned respect for his tremendous devotion and exceptional
18 abilities, and he has touched many lives with his holy
19 guidance; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Pastor Samuel L. Calhoun is
22 highly honored and commended for his faithful and dedicated
23 service, and this resolution is offered to him in deepest
24 admiration and appreciation, along with sincere best wishes
25 for continued blessings.