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8 HONORING SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF FORT PAYNE,
9 ALABAMA, ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to Second Baptist Church of Fort
13 Payne, Alabama, on the momentous occasion of its 100th
14 Anniversary; and

15 WHEREAS, Second Baptist Church began as a seed
16 planted in the hearts and minds of three holy men, Reverend
17 Phil Clark, Reverend J. Tom Wootten, and Reverend John
18 Shankles; and

19 WHEREAS, in the spring of 1913, Second Baptist
20 Church held its first service in an oak grove near the W.B.
21 Davis Hosiery Mill; the church was formally organized in 1916
22 and a sanctuary was built near the W.B. Davis Hosiery Mill; at
23 this time, Second Baptist Church was known as The Pleasant
24 Grove Church, before later becoming the Mill Church; in 1929,
25 the name Church No. 2 Missionary Baptist Church was adopted
26 under the leadership of Reverend Joe Campbell; the church's
27 current name was first recorded in 1929; and

1 WHEREAS, the church found a new location on the
2 corner of 11th St. N.W. and Grand Avenue in March 1937, and
3 construction for a new building began in March 1937 for a cost
4 of \$400; in July 1937, the church held its first service at
5 the new location; the church burned down on June 12, 1958;
6 church services continued at Williams Avenue School while a
7 new sanctuary was built; on December 7, 1958, the congregation
8 met for its first service in the newly constructed sanctuary
9 under the leadership of Reverend Willis Griffin; and

10 WHEREAS, notably, Allen Memorial Baptist Church and
11 Minvale Baptist Church began as missions of Second Baptist
12 Church; Second Baptist Church was again heavily damaged by
13 fire on March 13, 1968; on September 9, 1969, services began
14 in the beautifully remodeled church; and

15 WHEREAS, several members of the Second Baptist
16 Church family have answered the Lord's call upon their lives
17 to enter the ministry; Second Baptist Church, which stands on
18 the threshold of tomorrow while preparing to meet the
19 challenges of the future, has expanded to meet its growing
20 needs; the congregation worships together as a community of
21 believers who support one another's values and beliefs in the
22 One True God; the Second Baptist Church family adheres to a
23 mission to celebrate God's faithfulness, to know Christ
24 intimately, and to share his presence with the community; and

25 WHEREAS, the community has greatly benefitted from
26 the charity and Christian influence Second Baptist Church has
27 exerted through the years and from the many facets of its

1 outreach and practical assistance to the less fortunate; for
2 numerous years, many have given so unselfishly to help the
3 church's faithful work thrive and provide invaluable services
4 to others where the need was great; and

5 WHEREAS, Second Baptist Church has steadfastly
6 triumphed through trials and tribulations by the grace and
7 love of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior, and will continue to
8 thrive and carry its tremendous legacy into the future,
9 serving as a beacon of light and a pillar of faith in the
10 community; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
12 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Second Baptist Church of Fort
13 Payne is highly honored and commended, and this resolution is
14 offered to its pastor and congregation in deepest admiration
15 and appreciation, along with sincere best wishes for continued
16 blessings.