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3 By Representative McClammy  
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8 COMMENDING THE REVEREND DOCTOR AGNES M. LOVER FOR  
9 BEING THE FIRST FEMALE PASTOR OF ST. PAUL AFRICAN METHODIST  
10 EPISCOPAL CHURCH, THE HOME CHURCH OF ROSA PARKS.

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12 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations  
13 are herein proudly presented to the Reverend Doctor Agnes M.  
14 Lover for being the first female pastor of St. Paul African  
15 Methodist Episcopal Church, the home church of Rosa Parks; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Doctor Agnes Lover is committed to  
17 lifelong learning; in 2017, she received her Doctor of  
18 Ministry from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio; in  
19 2005, she received her Master of Divinity from Candler School  
20 of Theology, Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia; in 1996,  
21 she received her MBA/MIS from St. Peters College in Jersey  
22 City, New Jersey; in 1988, she received her MS in Computer  
23 Science from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New  
24 Jersey; in 1986, she received her BS in Mathematics/Computer  
25 Science from Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans,  
26 Louisiana; and

1                   WHEREAS, her doctoral project, "From Preying to  
2 Praying: Exposing the Effects of Spiritual Abuse in the  
3 Church," establishes a psycho-ecclesial model to equip church  
4 leadership with the necessary knowledge concerning spiritual  
5 growth; and

6                   WHEREAS, Reverend Doctor Agnes Lover compassionately  
7 serves in several capacities across the Ninth Episcopal  
8 District in the State of Alabama; before serving in ministry  
9 full-time, she pursued a corporate career for almost 24 years  
10 that involved telecommunication experience combined in systems  
11 engineering, project management, and sales and marketing; her  
12 areas of expertise include ministry collaborations, grant  
13 writing, sales opportunity assessments, product presentations,  
14 and revenue forecasting and tracking; and

15                  WHEREAS, she has many distinguished accomplishments,  
16 including serving as Alabama River Region Conference Chair and  
17 Dean of Ministry Study, Conference Trustee, Christian  
18 Education Director, Chair of Finance Committee, and past  
19 Annual Conference Secretary; and securing funding and  
20 establishing Haven at Ward Chapel African Methodist Episcopal  
21 Church; and

22                  WHEREAS, she is committed to passionate worship,  
23 community-focused ministry, and the anointed preaching of  
24 God's Holy Word; and

25                  WHEREAS, Reverend Doctor Agnes Lover is inspiring,  
26 hardworking, and indeed deserving of special recognition; now  
27 therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
2 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Reverend Doctor Agnes M.  
3 Lover is highly honored and commended, and this resolution is  
4 offered in tribute to her along with sincere best wishes for  
5 continued success in all future endeavors.