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3 By Representative Hall  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 05-MAR-19

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 CONGRATULATING THE REVEREND DOCTOR JULIUS R. SCRUGGS  
4 FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

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6 WHEREAS, highest commendations are awarded to the  
7 Reverend Doctor Julius R. Scruggs for his remarkable career  
8 achievements upon the occasion of his retirement as Pastor of  
9 First Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama; and

10 WHEREAS, the Reverend Doctor Scruggs graduated from  
11 Council Training High School in Huntsville, Alabama; American  
12 Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee, where he earned his  
13 Bachelor of Arts Degree; and Vanderbilt University School of  
14 Divinity in Nashville, Tennessee, where he earned his M. Div.,  
15 D. Min; and

16 WHEREAS, since 1960, he has served as Pastor for  
17 various churches, including Pine Grove Missionary Baptist  
18 Church in Harvest, Alabama; Mt. Ararat Baptist Church in  
19 Nashville, Tennessee; Antioch Baptist Church in East Chicago,  
20 Indiana; and First Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville,  
21 Alabama, where he currently serves; and

22 WHEREAS, the Reverend Doctor Scruggs' love for the  
23 Lord is not limited to just the church; he has four published  
24 works that cover prayers, preachers, God's faith, and Bible  
25 study; and

1                   WHEREAS, he has many distinguished accomplishments,  
2 including, but not limited to, receiving the Outstanding Young  
3 Men in America Award in 1979; receiving the Pastor of the Year  
4 Award in 1979; launching a successful \$350,000 Bond Drive in  
5 1987; traveling to the Holy Land, Egypt, and Rome, in 1993;  
6 being elected President of the Alabama State Missionary  
7 Baptist Convention, Inc., in 1995; receiving the Dr. Martin  
8 Luther King, Jr., Award in 1998; becoming full-time Minister  
9 of Music in 2000; serving as President of the National Baptist  
10 Convention, USA, Inc., in 2009; starting FMBC Foundation in  
11 2010; celebrating COCA 30th Anniversary in 2012; and being  
12 named Honorary Doctor of Divinity by Huntsville Bible College  
13 in 2018; and

14                   WHEREAS, the Reverend Doctor Scruggs' experience and  
15 leadership as Pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church will  
16 be missed by all those whose lives he touched and with whom he  
17 served; now therefore,

18                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the Reverend  
20 Doctor Julius R. Scruggs upon his retirement as Pastor of  
21 First Missionary Baptist Church, and direct that a copy of  
22 this resolution shall be provided for appropriate presentation  
23 with our sincere tribute and praise.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
9 and was adopted by the House 21-MAR-19.

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Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

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