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By Representatives Daniels, Hall

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HR____ RECOGNIZING DR. O. WENDELL DAVIS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 35TH ANNIVERSARY AS THE PASTOR OF UNION CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we highly honor Dr. O. Wendell Davis for 35 years of service as pastor of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Davis and his wife, Dora, will be recognized for their dedicated service on April 21, 2024, at Union Chapel M. B. Church; the theme for this celebration is *Celebrating the Laborer that Dwells Among Us*; Pastor Leon Bell, Jr., of St. Joseph Baptist Church in Mobile, will lead the worship experience; the celebration will conclude with a fellowship luncheon to honor Pastor Davis and Dora for 35 years of unwavering commitment, dedication, and sacrifice to the Union Chapel Church family; and

WHEREAS, born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Davis spent his formative years in Gulfport, Mississippi; upon graduating high school, he joined the U.S. Army and spent three years serving his country; and

WHEREAS, he committed his life to Christ at the age of 24 years; one year later, he was called into ministry work and he has served in ministry for over 40 years; in September 1989, he answered the call to pastor Union Chapel

Missionary Baptist Church, and he has the utmost distinction of being only the third pastor in the church's 91-year history; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Davis is an accomplished Bible scholar and teacher and an influential preacher of God's Word; for more than 20 years, he served as an instructor in the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education; he has also served as Dean of Union Chapel Bible College and as an instructor for the Alabama State Congress of Christian Education; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with Pastor Davis' belief that leadership in ministry must be intentional and holistic, he has prayerfully worked with the congregation on building projects to grow and enrich Union Chapel M. B. Church: he led in the acquisition of 150 acres of land to use for the construction of the 315 Winchester Road Church complex; founded the Union Chapel Institute of Biblical Studies; established the Union Chapel Christian Academy; spearheaded the construction and completion of the new Union Chapel Child Development Center, a state-of-the-art family life center for continuous family enrichment; and oversaw the building of an outdoor church pavilion to use for outdoor fellowship activities; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Wendell Davis has adhered to a set of steadfast core values and beliefs while serving the members of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church; his Biblical knowledge and thoughtful consideration is highly regarded and sought

after; and the dedication and love of his church family is a testament of his faith; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we extend heartiest congratulations to Dr. O. Wendell Davis on the occasion of his 35th Anniversary as the Pastor of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, and this resolution is offered to him in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere best wishes for all future endeavors.