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4 HR_____ COMMENDING DEREK L. SMITH ON HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AS
5 A PASTOR.
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7 WHEREAS, the Alabama House of Representatives takes
8 great pride in recognizing individuals who consistently
9 exhibit inspiring qualities that help the progress of this
10 great state; and

11 WHEREAS, Pastor Derek L. Smith is a native of
12 Brooklyn, New York, born February 23, 1981, to the parents
13 of Riley and Gwendolyn Smith; he then moved to Montgomery,
14 Alabama, with his grandmother at the age of 13 and has been
15 a resident from then until present; he began his ministry at
16 the age of six in Brooklyn, New York, at the New Jerusalem
17 Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Alonzo
18 Smith; and

19 WHEREAS, upon moving to Alabama he became a faithful
20 member, at the age of 13, of the Galilee Missionary Baptist
21 Church and then furthered his ministry and was licensed to
22 preach the gospel under the leadership of Pastor Preston
23 Crittiden; Pastor Smith was also ordained to preach the
24 gospel at the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church at the age
25 of 18 under the leadership of Dr. Lamard Raven; after which
26 he was called to his first church Zion Hope in Jacksonville,
27 Florida, on a three-year tenure; and

28 WHEREAS, at the age of 21, Pastor Smith returned back



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29 home to Alabama and pastored the First Baptist Church of
30 Elmore in Elmore County, Alabama; he later became the pastor
31 of First Baptist Church in Tallassee, Alabama, for eight
32 years; and

33 WHEREAS, he is now the proud and esteemed pastor of
34 Macedonia Baptist Church in Prattville, Alabama, where he
35 has been serving for five years and counting; Pastor Smith's
36 motto is, "Bible readers, Bible believers, and Bible doers
37 make a strong Christian, and it takes a strong Christian to
38 have a strong church"; now therefore,

39 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
40 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Pastor Derek L. Smith is highly
41 commended and praised on his years of dedicated service as a
42 pastor in the states of New York, Florida, and Alabama, and
43 best wishes are extended to him for continued prosperity and
44 success.