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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  
he was called to his first church Zion Hope in Jacksonville,  
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.