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3 By Representatives Daniels, Hall
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4 HR_____ CONGRATULATING AND HONORING FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST
5 CHURCH IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, ON THE OCCASION OF ITS NEW
6 SANCTUARY DEDICATION ON JANUARY 25, 2026.

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8 WHEREAS, the many fine churches across this State
9 constitute an institutional foundation for an orderly and
10 just society for all Alabamians, and their dedicated service
11 to God and humanity is the bedrock upon which our State and
12 Nation are founded; and

13 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this
14 legislative body should recognize these venerable religious
15 institutions and their congregations, who, through their
16 unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and
17 faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their
18 communities; and

19 WHEREAS, one such dynamic and historic community of
20 faith is First Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville,
21 whose members will celebrate their new sanctuary dedication
22 on January 25, 2026; and

23 WHEREAS, since its founding in 1880, First Missionary
24 Baptist Church (FMBC) has been a faithful witness to God's
25 sustaining presence in Huntsville; born from the vision of
26 Christian families who migrated from Aberdeen, Mississippi,
27 the church first worshiped in a modest home on West Clinton
28 Street under the leadership of Reverend Robert Green; from



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its beginning, FMBC has been defined by faith, perseverance, and a commitment to worship; and

WHEREAS, in 1886, the congregation took a major step forward by constructing its first permanent sanctuary on Steele Street, establishing a sacred space that anchored the church in the community; and

WHEREAS, over the decades, under the leadership of devoted pastors, most notably Reverend Dr. Horace P. Snodgrass and Reverend Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, FMBC grew spiritually, educationally, and physically, with its sanctuary serving as the heart of worship, teaching, and fellowship; and

WHEREAS, in December 2023, a devastating flood damaged the church sanctuary, but what could have been a setback instead became a moment of renewal; guided by faith and determination, the congregation embraced a complete renovation, transforming the sanctuary into a modern, welcoming worship space; and

WHEREAS, today's sanctuary features advanced sound and lighting, enhanced broadcasting capabilities, wide-screen displays, and a flexible pulpit and stage, enabling FMBC to proclaim the Gospel with clarity and relevance for generations come; and

WHEREAS, now, under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Carlos D. Williams, FMBC celebrates not only a newly restored sanctuary, but also a renewed vision for ministry that is rooted in worship, strengthened by community, and empowered for the future; and



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57 WHEREAS, this sanctuary stands as a testament to
58 God's faithfulness, the resilience of His people, and the
59 enduring mission of First Missionary Baptist Church; now
60 therefore,

61 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
62 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we recognize and celebrate
63 First Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama, on
64 the occasion of the dedication of their new sanctuary on
65 January 25, 2026, thank the people of this congregation and
66 their pastors for their notable service to the Lord and this
67 State, and wish them much continued success in the years to
68 come.