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3 By Representative Hall
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8 CONGRATULATING THE REVEREND DOCTOR JULIUS R. SCRUGGS
9 FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

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

15 WHEREAS, the Reverend Doctor Scruggs graduated from
16 Council Training High School in Huntsville, Alabama; American
17 Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee, where he earned his
18 Bachelor of Arts Degree; and Vanderbilt University School of
19 Divinity in Nashville, Tennessee, where he earned his M. Div.,
20 D. Min; and

21 WHEREAS, since 1960, he has served as Pastor for
22 various churches, including Pine Grove Missionary Baptist
23 Church in Harvest, Alabama; Mt. Ararat Baptist Church in
24 Nashville, Tennessee; Antioch Baptist Church in East Chicago,
25 Indiana; and First Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville,
26 Alabama, where he currently serves; and

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

5 WHEREAS, he has many distinguished accomplishments,
6 including, but not limited to, receiving the Outstanding Young
7 Men in America Award in 1979; receiving the Pastor of the Year
8 Award in 1979; launching a successful \$350,000 Bond Drive in
9 1987; traveling to the Holy Land, Egypt, and Rome, in 1993;
10 being elected President of the Alabama State Missionary
11 Baptist Convention, Inc., in 1995; receiving the Dr. Martin
12 Luther King, Jr., Award in 1998; becoming full-time Minister
13 of Music in 2000; serving as President of the National Baptist
14 Convention, USA, Inc., in 2009; starting FMBC Foundation in
15 2010; celebrating COCA 30th Anniversary in 2012; and being
16 named Honorary Doctor of Divinity by Huntsville Bible College
17 in 2018; and

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

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

