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HR_____ HONORING AND RECOGNIZING MALCOLM THOMAS FOR HIS SERVICE TO PHILLIPS CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND HIS COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, Malcolm Thomas is highly honored and commended for his many good deeds and dedicated service to Phillips Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas is a native of Selma, Alabama, and the son of the late Reverend George Thomas and Mrs. Lovie Anderson Thomas; he holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Alabama A&M University; and he is the founder and CEO of Malcolm Thomas Industries; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas united with Phillips Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in 1969; he was nominated for membership on the Board of Trustees by the late Reverend Dr. M.D. Clark and confirmed by the Quarterly Conference in 1979; he will relinquish that position at the end of the current conference year with 45 years of continuous service; and

WHEREAS, during his long tenure on the board as its chairman, Mr. Thomas has led the board in many achievements that have greatly benefited the church and its congregation; not only fulfilling its most routine responsibilities, Mr. Thomas has worked to restore, repair, and renovate the



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29 church; he also addressed issues relevant to eminent domain;
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31 WHEREAS, in 2017, Mr. Thomas led the board in
32 launching a church relocation project, which included
33 selling the Davis Circle property, purchasing land, and
34 constructing a new facility, which was consecrated in 2023;
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36 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas added lasting practices to the
37 work of the board, including Trustee Day; the Annual
38 Christmas Fellowship that he hosted in his home for many
39 years; a church clean-up day, which brought together
40 volunteer church members in camaraderie to deep clean the
41 church facility; and several outreach ministries, one of
42 which was the adoption of a commune of homeless people that
43 he organized support for through the church, ensuring they
44 had clothing, water, and a generator; and

45 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas chaired Men's Day and the church
46 anniversary celebrations; in 2015, he chaired the year-long
47 Sesquicentennial Celebration and hosted a dinner on the eve
48 of the gala for keynote speaker, Robin Givens; he chaired
49 the Souvenir Journal Team for six outreach banquets,
50 mastering the art of fundraising; and

51 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas has served the Huntsville
52 community on numerous boards of directors, including the
53 Huntsville Housing Authority Board of Appeals and the North
54 Alabama Sickle Cell Board of Directors; he is a former
55 member of the Vocational Education Advisory Council for
56 Huntsville City Schools and past chairman of the Engineering



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57 Technology Advisory Committee at Alabama A&M University; he
58 was a founding member of the Alabama A&M University
59 Foundation and a charter member of the 100 Black Men of
60 Huntsville; and

61 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas has generously given of his time
62 and talents to support the Boys and Girls Club and the
63 Harris Home for Children through the R.E. Nelms Elks Lodge
64 No. 977, serving as its Exalted Ruler from 1983-2008 and
65 2009-2019; he is also a proud member of the Delta Theta
66 Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated;
67 he serves on the Madison County Commission for Eminent
68 Domain; and

69 WHEREAS, as a member of the Board of Trustees for
70 Phillips CME Church, he served under the supervision of 10
71 pastors; in recognition of his service, Mr. Thomas's name
72 appears on two cornerstones, including on the new facility
73 he helped bring into fruition at Winchester Road; in 2017,
74 the men of the church named him Man of the Year; now
75 therefore,

76 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
77 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That it is an honor to offer this
78 resolution to Malcolm Thomas as evidence of our great regard
79 and high esteem for his many years of dedicated service to
80 Phillips Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and to the
81 community of Huntsville; we wish him continued success and
82 prosperity in all his future endeavors.