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3 By Representatives Laird, Bridges, Baker, Ball, Bandy, Barton,
4 Baughn, Beckman, Beech, Black, Boman, Boothe, Boyd, Bracy,
5 Brown, Burdine, Buskey, Buttram, Canfield, Chesteen, Clouse,
6 Coleman, Collins, Colston, Davis, DeMarco, Drake, England,
7 Farley, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Galliher, Gaston, Givan,
8 Greer, Greeson, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Harper, Henry, Hill,
9 Holmes, Howard, Hubbard (J), Hubbard (M), Hurst, Ison,
10 Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W), Jones,
11 Kennedy, Knight, Lee, Lindsey, Long, Love, Mask, McAdory,
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon,
13 McMillan, Melton, Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B),
14 Moore (M), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D), Nordgren, Oden,
15 Patterson, Payne, Poole, Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson
16 (O), Rogers, Sanderford, Scott, Sessions, Shiver, Thomas,
17 Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Vance, Wallace, Warren, Weaver,
18 Williams (D), Williams (J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren
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8 COMMENDING DR. DENNIS L. "DAN" IRELAND FOR HIS
9 OUTSTANDING SPIRITUAL SERVICE TO GOAT HILL.

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11 WHEREAS, in recognition of his sincere interest in
12 each member and employee of the Alabama Legislature, and in
13 appreciation of his outstanding commitment to God and his
14 fellowman, it is both fitting and desirable that Dr. Dennis L.
15 "Dan" Ireland, the honorary Chaplain of Goat Hill, be
16 recognized for his outstanding spiritual service to Goat Hill;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, born on March 17, 1930, Dan Ireland
19 graduated from Ensley High School in Birmingham and received a
20 Bachelor of Arts Degree from Samford University in 1952, a
21 Master of Divinity Degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological
22 Seminary in 1958, and a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Samford
23 University in 1976; and

24 WHEREAS, an enduring symbol of strength and
25 commitment to the Gospel Ministry, Dr. Ireland was ordained
26 into the ministry on August 28, 1949, and has faithfully
27 served as pastor of Jackson Memorial Baptist Church in

1 LaFayette, Dolomite Baptist Church in Bessemer, Eastside
2 Baptist Church in Birmingham, First Baptist Church in Fort
3 Payne, and Jackson Way Baptist Church in Huntsville before
4 accepting the position of Executive Director of the Alabama
5 Citizens Action Program, serving from 1978 to 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, as an extension of his 64 years in the
7 ministry, Dan Ireland has served since 1978 in an advisory
8 capacity to seven Governors, numerous constitutional officers,
9 and thousands of Alabama legislators; and

10 WHEREAS, as an influential force in the community
11 and state, Dan Ireland has immeasurably contributed his
12 energies, time, and many talents to numerous social, civic,
13 and humanitarian endeavors; he has been a powerful opponent of
14 anything detrimental to the moral fiber and character of the
15 residents of this state; he has served as a member of the
16 Governor's Task Force to Study the Problem of Drunk Driving in
17 Alabama, as a member of the North Alabama Health Planning
18 Agency, as Chair of the United Givers Fund Board of DeKalb
19 County, and he both organized and served for two terms as
20 President of the National Coalition Against Legalized
21 Gambling, and as executive for (ACAP) American Council on
22 Alcohol Problems; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to his many religious and
24 secular activities, Dan Ireland has been a constant and
25 calming presence to the members and staff of the Alabama
26 Legislature and their families; he has generously offered
27 prayer and support, he has visited and comforted those

1 affected with illness or disease, he has consoled those who
2 were grieving, and he has laughed and celebrated joyful
3 occasions; and

4 WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Dan Ireland and his
5 wife of almost 60 years, the former Pauline Tucker, are the
6 proud parents of a daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Fred K.
7 Cypress, and a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Barbara
8 Ireland, and are the doting grandparents of four
9 grandchildren, David, Daniel, Michael, and Katie, and two
10 great-grandchildren, Sarah and Amelia; and

11 WHEREAS, the contributions Dan Ireland has made to
12 the ministry, the people of Alabama, and the Alabama
13 Legislature are invaluable, and he has earned the admiration
14 and respect of those persons who have had the privilege of
15 associating with him; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his many
18 years of faithful service to the members and staff of the
19 Alabama Legislature, we hereby commend Dr. Dennis L. "Dan"
20 Ireland for his outstanding spiritual service to Goat Hill.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
22 resolution shall be provided to Dan Ireland as an expression
23 of our sincere personal regard.