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3 By Representative Buskey
4 RFD: Rules
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8 RECOGNIZING FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ON
9 THE OCCASION OF HOSTING THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT STATE
10 CONVENTION.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 recognize Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Mobile,
14 Alabama, on the occasion of hosting the Southwest District
15 State Convention of the Alabama State Missionary Baptist
16 Convention on June 23-26, 2014; and

17 WHEREAS, the Alabama State Missionary Baptist
18 Convention is part of the National Baptist Convention, USA,
19 which traces its origin to November 22, 1880, when 151
20 individuals from 11 states met in Montgomery, Alabama, to
21 organize a Convention to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
22 throughout the world; and

23 WHEREAS, the Reverend W.H. McAlpine of Alabama was
24 selected the organization's first president and today,
25 Alabama's own Dr. Julius R. Scruggs serves as the national
26 president; on the state and district levels, Dr. Vernon Swift
27 of Tuscaloosa serves as the Alabama State Missionary Baptist

1 Convention President, while the Reverend W.C. McNeil, Pastor
2 of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Mobile, serves as the Southwest
3 District President; and

4 WHEREAS, from humble beginnings and despite several
5 major splits, the National Baptist Convention, USA, with its
6 affiliates, remains the largest Black Baptist Convention,
7 numbering more than 7.5 million members from churches,
8 district associations, and state conventions across the
9 Continental United States and around the world; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That it is a privilege to
12 recognize the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on the
13 momentous occasion of hosting the Southwest District State
14 Convention, and it is directed that a copy of this resolution
15 be provided to Senior Pastor John F. Payne, Sr., Doctor of
16 Ministry, for appropriate presentation, with highest
17 commendations and best wishes for the future.