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HR _____ COMMENDING DR. KEVIN MCCRELESS FOR 33 YEARS OF SERVICE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY AT BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we highly honor Dr. Kevin McCreless for 33 years of service in pastoral ministry at Broadway Baptist Church in Rainsville, Alabama, on the occasion of his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McCreless' education includes an undergraduate degree from Samford University; a Master of Divinity from Beeson Divinity School; and a Doctor of Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, he entered the ministry in 1982 at New Prospect Baptist Church in Marbury, Alabama, and he served at Liberty Grove Baptist Church and Harpersville First Baptist Church before accepting the call to serve as Pastor at Broadway Baptist Church in January 1992; and

WHEREAS, when Dr. McCreless accepted the call to serve at Broadway, he moved to Sand Mountain with his wife, Terri, and their seven-year-old son, Luke; shortly thereafter, their daughter, Katie, was born; together, the McCreless family embraced their roles within the church, navigating the joys and challenges of ministry; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Dr. McCreless has been recognized as a visionary leader, guiding the church



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29 through numerous building projects and outreach initiatives;
30 upon his retirement, the "new sanctuary" that was built in
31 2002 was formally renamed in his honor; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. McCreless has a deep passion for sharing
33 the love of God with others and helping everyone discover a
34 personal relationship with Jesus; he is beloved for his
35 dedication to foster an atmosphere of joy, peace, love, and
36 hope among the church congregation that he served for so
37 many years; and

38 WHEREAS, Dr. McCreless was tirelessly committed to
39 community outreach, leading his church to serve the people
40 in DeKalb County through ministries such as Hope House,
41 Celebrate Recovery, and Walk Through Bethlehem; he
42 prayerfully endeavored to walk alongside his church family
43 and the people in his community as they discovered God's
44 hope, plan, and future for their lives; now therefore,

45 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
46 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dr. Kevin McCreless is highly
47 commended for 33 years of service in pastoral ministry to
48 Broadway Baptist Church, and we hereby dedicate this
49 resolution to him with heartiest gratitude, admiration, and
50 regard, along with sincere best wishes for continued
51 happiness and success.