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3 By Representatives Faust, Shiver, Baker, Simpson and McMillan
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 28-MAY-19

COMMENDING ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES, INC., ON 50 YEARS
OF SERVICE.

WHEREAS, Ecumenical Ministries, Inc., known as EMI,
in Baldwin County, Alabama, is a faith-based, nonprofit
organization founded in 1970; and

WHEREAS, EMI has helped hundreds of volunteers,
organizations, and churches come together to help those in
need in communities throughout Baldwin County; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, EMI celebrates 50 years of
service; and

WHEREAS, EMI volunteers, staff, and donors helped
more than 96,000 individuals facing emergencies by providing
more than a million meals through its pantries; and

WHEREAS, EMI's Meals on Wheels volunteers and staff
delivered more than a half-million low-cost meals to the
elderly, shut-ins, and handicapped individuals; and

WHEREAS, EMI volunteers, staff, and donors have
repaired more than 480 low-income, owner-occupied houses in
the last five years, including house roofs and handicap ramps;

1 provided more than 25,000 hand-picked Christmas gifts to
2 low-income children; initiated paving 350 miles of roads in
3 rural communities, many of them having low-income families;
4 and initiated racial reconciliation opportunities for
5 thousands of individuals; and

6 WHEREAS, the example set by EMI volunteers, staff,
7 and donors shows how communities can be improved civilly when
8 citizens of all denominations, races, economic status, and
9 political persuasion work together on a common community
10 problem; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby express our sincere
13 and deep appreciation for Ecumenical Ministries, Inc., and its
14 tens of thousands of hours of diligent and cooperative work;
15 as EMI nears its 50th Anniversary in 2020, we extend highest
16 esteem and admiration to its volunteers, staff, and donors.