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3 By Representatives Faust, Shiver, Baker, Simpson and McMillan
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, EMI volunteers, staff, and donors have
21 repaired more than 480 low-income, owner-occupied houses in
22 the last five years, including house roofs and handicap ramps;
23 provided more than 25,000 hand-picked Christmas gifts to
24 low-income children; initiated paving 350 miles of roads in
25 rural communities, many of them having low-income families;

1 and initiated racial reconciliation opportunities for
2 thousands of individuals; and

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

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

