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HJR___ HONORING THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA,
ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we highly honor the Church of Christ in Huntsville, Alabama, on the occasion of its milestone 100th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Church of Christ holds a very rich history; the Day of Pentecost when Peter preached the Gospel and 3,000 souls responded inspired the creation of the Church of Christ in Huntsville many years later in May 1923; the leadership of the Randolph Street Church of Christ in Huntsville realized that there was a need to have the Gospel preached to the Black population in the area and were instrumental in securing Brother Marshall Keeble to hold gospel meetings for two weeks; the meetings were very successful, as more than 50 souls were baptized into the Body of Christ in Huntsville; and

WHEREAS, over the next several years, the Church of Christ continued to grow in number and in spirit, and Brother Keeble continued to deliver uplifting messages; Brother Keeble ordained five Brothers as Elders, namely C.T. Dickerson, Perry Powers, Billy Turner, John Toney, and



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26 Thomas Toney, and he ordained four Brothers as Deacons,
27 namely Otis Eldridge, Norman Dickerson, Charlie Hampton, and
28 Emmanuel Vincent; for the next many years, various other
29 leader figures were ordained in the church; and

30 WHEREAS, the Church of Christ has been involved with
31 many outreach programs to bring Good's Word to the community
32 and to serve its physical needs as well, including, but not
33 limited to, Community Awareness Education Forums on
34 Wednesday nights, yearly free household goods and clothing
35 drives to the community, and food insecurity distribution;
36 the congregation has also supported water and food supply
37 drives for disaster victims in and outside the area,
38 including Texas, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Michigan; the
39 church's Blue Spring Road Academy Pre-School and Child
40 Development Center is scheduled for completion by the end of
41 March 2023; and

42 WHEREAS, a remarkable congregation indeed, the Church
43 of Christ has been passionately sharing the Word and love of
44 God, transforming lives, and bringing people together in
45 fellowship and worship for a whole century; now therefore,

46 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
47 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Church of Christ in
48 Huntsville, Alabama, is highly honored on its milestone
49 100th Anniversary, and we hereby dedicate this resolution to
50 the incredible congregation with warmest gratitude,



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51 admiration, and regard.