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HR\_\_\_\_\_ CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MONSIGNOR THEODORE  
H. HAY.

WHEREAS, with special pleasure, we offer joyful  
felicitations to Monsignor Theodore H. Hay, who is  
celebrating his milestone 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Hay was born March 12, 1924, in  
Miami, Florida; after graduating from Gesu High School, a  
Catholic school run by Jesuits, he felt the call to be a  
priest; his journey to priesthood began by attending St.  
Charles College in Grand Coteau, Louisiana, followed by  
Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama; subsequently, he was  
accepted into seminary at St. Mary's University in  
Baltimore, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Theodore H. Hay was ordained a  
Catholic Priest in 1955 by the late Archbishop Thomas J.  
Toolen in Mobile, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Hay has given not only of his time  
and energies, but also of his compassion, intelligence, and  
leadership to the people under his care throughout his life;  
consequently, he should be recognized for his lifetime of  
service; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 69 years as a Priest and a  
Teacher in the Archdiocese of Mobile, he has fulfilled a  
number of assignments and location changes; he was first



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29 assigned to St. Paul's Church in Birmingham as Assistant  
30 Pastor, then he became the Assistant Pastor at St.  
31 Margaret's Church in Bayou la Batre, where he also assumed  
32 the responsibilities of teaching religion, history, and  
33 algebra in St. Margaret's High School; and

34 WHEREAS, following his time at St. Margaret's Church,  
35 Monsignor Hay was appointed as Chaplain for the Catholic  
36 patients of Searcy Hospital, a state psychiatric facility;  
37 shortly thereafter, he was appointed by Federal Judge Thomas  
38 as a Member of the Human Rights Committee where he served  
39 until the Committee's dissolution; he attained his  
40 certification as a Mental Health Chaplain while serving at  
41 Searcy Hospital by completing an internship at St.  
42 Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C.; and

43 WHEREAS, Monsignor Hays became certified by the  
44 United States Catholic Conference's Board of Chaplains which  
45 oversees all priests serving as chaplains in the VA and the  
46 military; after three years, he was named Chief of Chaplains  
47 and served for seven years with dignity and good grace in  
48 that capacity; and

49 WHEREAS, the Mobile Archdiocese moved for Monsignor  
50 Hays to return to Alabama to fulfill the position of Mental  
51 Health Catholic Chaplain at Searcy Psychiatric Hospital;  
52 upon his return, he resumed his position as Pastor of St.  
53 Cecilia Church where he served until his retirement in 1992,  
54 when he was named Pastor Emeritus; and

55 WHEREAS, although retired from parish life, Monsignor  
56 Hay retained the position of Catholic Chaplain at Searcy



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57 Hospital at the Poundstone Admissions Unit in Daphne; in  
58 October 2002, though still in retirement status, he was  
59 appointed Administrator of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish  
60 in Foley, and he remained in that capacity until November  
61 2003; and

62 WHEREAS, rare indeed is the impressive dedication  
63 shown by an individual for the benefit of others which  
64 Monsignor Theodore H. Hay has displayed throughout his life;  
65 he should be celebrated and recognized on the occasion of  
66 his centennial birthday;

67 WHEREAS, a 100th birthday is a significant milestone  
68 that represents a century worth of wisdom earned and  
69 memories gained and is a cause of great rejoicing; now  
70 therefore,

71 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
72 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Monsignor Theodore H. Hay is  
73 highly honored and celebrated for reaching his milestone  
74 100th birthday and we are pleased to offer him this  
75 resolution as evidence of our high regard for his many good  
76 works and with sincere wishes for many more happy and  
77 healthy birthdays to come.