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8 HONORING REVEREND MATTHEW NABORS ON THE OCCASION OF
9 HIS 30TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY AND 55TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to Reverend Matthew Nabors on the momentous occasion
13 of his 30th Pastoral Anniversary and 55th Wedding Anniversary;
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15 WHEREAS, in 1957 at the age of 17, Reverend Nabors
16 accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and was baptized at the
17 First Baptist Church Carver in Bessemer, Alabama, under Pastor
18 J.F. Turner; and

19 WHEREAS, he served as a Jr. Deacon until 1960, at
20 which time he married a wonderful Christian woman, Mrs. Rosa
21 Lee Nabors, and was ordained as a deacon; and

22 WHEREAS, in June 1964, he moved to Detroit,
23 Michigan, and joined the Rising Star Baptist Church under the
24 leadership of Reverend William Holly; he served as a member of
25 the deacon board from June 1964 through July 1967; and

26 WHEREAS, on July 20, 1967, when the riots broke out
27 in Detroit, God called upon him to enter the ministry; another

1 year passed, and God led him to a smaller church; in December
2 1968, he joined the Welcome Missionary Baptist Church, where
3 the Lord led him to accomplish work for the Heavenly Kingdom
4 with his pastor's guidance; and

5 WHEREAS, while serving Welcome Missionary Baptist
6 Church, he emphasized the importance of tithing to the
7 members, and as a result, God greatly blessed the
8 congregation; he was instrumental in increasing the
9 congregation from 75 members to 700, and a larger church was
10 purchased; he remained a faithful and dedicated member of the
11 Welcome Missionary Baptist Church for 23 and a half years; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Nabors has provided holy guidance
13 to Greenleaf Baptist Church in Bessemer, Alabama, since 1985;
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15 WHEREAS, the union between him and his beloved and
16 devoted wife, Sister Rosa Nabors, has been graced with five
17 children; and

18 WHEREAS, a special celebration was held in honor of
19 Reverend Matthew and Sister Rosa Nabors on Friday, July 17,
20 2015, at the Freewill Christian Center in Midfield, Alabama;
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22 WHEREAS, Reverend Nabors will continue to bless the
23 congregation of Greenleaf Baptist Church, which serves as a
24 beacon of light and a pillar of faith in the community; it is
25 a tremendous privilege to recognize him on his record of
26 Christian service and on the occasion of his 55th Wedding
27 Anniversary, which is a significant milestone representing

1 years of devoted love and a cause for great rejoicing; now
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Reverend Matthew Nabors is
5 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered
6 to him in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with
7 sincere best wishes for continued blessings.