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3 By Representative Sanderford
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8 RECOGNIZING DR. RALPH LANGLEY FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
9 SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
12 Dr. Ralph Langley for his outstanding service; he is a native
13 of Opelika, Alabama, and a graduate of Opelika High School;
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15 WHEREAS, Dr. Langley graduated cum laude from Baylor
16 University where he lettered in tennis and later served on
17 Baylor's Board of Trustees; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Langley earned a Master of Theology and
19 a Doctorate of Theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological
20 Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas; and

21 WHEREAS, he served outside Alabama until he returned
22 in 1979 to become the 37th pastor of the First Baptist Church
23 in Huntsville, Alabama; during his service, the church
24 experienced significant growth and expansion and made a
25 notable impact on North Alabama; he is also an active
26 Rotarian; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Langley's commitment to inter-faith
2 relations resulted in him being named Man of the Year in 1971
3 in Houston by the Jewish community, B'nai B'rith; and

4 WHEREAS, following his retirement, Dr. Langley
5 served numerous churches as interim pastor and at age 94,
6 continues to be actively involved in his church; through the
7 years, he has earned immense respect for his tireless
8 dedication and exceptional abilities; he is truly deserving of
9 special commendation and praise; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dr. Ralph Langley is honored
12 and commended, and this resolution is offered to him in
13 highest tribute, along with sincere best wishes for continued
14 success in all future endeavors.