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3 By Representatives Faust, McMillan, Davis, Shiver, Baker,
4 Bracy and Jackson
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8 COMMENDING ALL CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BALDWIN COUNTY
9 FOR 25 YEARS OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND ESTABLISHING THE FIRST
10 SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER AS ACT-II DAY IN BALDWIN COUNTY.

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12 WHEREAS, All Churches Together in Baldwin County,
13 hereinafter known as ACT-II, is a program of the nonprofit
14 organization Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.; and

15 WHEREAS, ACT-II helps volunteers and churches come
16 together to work on systemic problems in several communities
17 around Baldwin County; and

18 WHEREAS, in November 2017, ACT-II will celebrate 25
19 years of civic engagement improving Baldwin County
20 communities, particularly low income communities throughout
21 the county; and

22 WHEREAS, hundreds of ACT-II volunteers and leaders
23 helped the Baldwin County Commission initiate a road paving
24 fairness campaign that resulted in more than 300 miles of
25 rural dirt roads in the county being paved without tax
26 increases; and

1 WHEREAS, the road paving program significantly
2 improved the quality of life and value of personal holdings
3 for hundreds of low-income families; and

4 WHEREAS, ACT-II civic engagement cleaned up a rural
5 water system that often delivered iron-contaminated drinking
6 water that was as much as seven times the legal limit while
7 reducing water rates at the same time; and

8 WHEREAS, ACT-II civic engagement led to the
9 installation of another water system that now serves hundreds
10 of families in North Baldwin County without increasing taxes;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, an ACT-II initiative brought several
13 nonprofit housing programs together to form Repair Baldwin,
14 which has provided home security, safety, access, and repairs
15 to more than 350 homes in just over three years using
16 volunteers and donations; and

17 WHEREAS, ACT-II civic engagement led to passage of
18 the Property Insurance Clarity Act to the benefit of
19 homeowners; and

20 WHEREAS, Alabama Senate Joint Resolution SJR22 in
21 2014 urged "the Gulf Coast counties in Alabama, Alabama's
22 Department of Insurance, and the Alabama Executive Office to
23 explore and consider the formation of an Interstate
24 Re-Insurance Coastal Band and/or re-insurance entity," and the
25 ACT-II chapter, commonly known as the Homeowners Hurricane
26 Insurance Initiative (HHII), guided this process, including

1 hosting a multi-state homeowners insurance conference in April
2 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, hundreds of ACT-II volunteers, community
4 leaders, and dozens of churches working together have through
5 the past 25 years initiated community improvements too
6 numerous to list, including sidewalks, voting places,
7 police-community partnerships, traffic safety improvements,
8 racial reconciliation affinity groups, and community cleanups;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the example set by the volunteers and
11 churches shows how communities can be improved when citizens
12 of all denominations, races, economic status, and political
13 persuasions work together on a common community problem; and

14 WHEREAS, ACT-II was formed in 1992 at the urging of
15 Bishop Manuel Watson and Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.; now
16 therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we express our sincere and
19 deep appreciation for the founders, Ecumenical Ministries,
20 Inc., and Bishop Manuel Watson and for ACT-II and its tens of
21 thousands of hours of diligent and cooperative work.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the first Sunday in
23 November shall be recognized in perpetuity as ACT-II Day in
24 Baldwin County.