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8 COMMENDING THE EAST McFARLAND BAPTIST CHURCH FOR
9 COMMUNITY SERVICE AND INSPIRATION FOLLOWING THE APRIL 27,
10 2011, TORNADOES.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and pleasure that we
13 recognize the contributions and service of East McFarland
14 Baptist Church to the Tuscaloosa area and this entire state;
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16 WHEREAS, the storms and tornadoes that ravaged our
17 state on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, caused unprecedented
18 levels of destruction to property as well as the loss of the
19 lives of many Alabamians; and

20 WHEREAS, spared from the carnage left behind by the
21 tornadoes, East McFarland Baptist Church immediately began
22 preparing meals in the church kitchen for tornado survivors,
23 first responders, and an influx of Southern Baptist relief
24 workers from numerous states; and

25 WHEREAS, church members and staff faithfully served
26 breakfast, lunch, and a "dinner on the grounds" to those
27 seeking shelter at their facilities and others, including a

1 20-student volunteer group from Auburn University and a
2 40-student group from Louisiana State University; and

3 WHEREAS, in addition to meeting the nutritional
4 needs of volunteer workers and those affected by the storms,
5 the church provided housing for a number of workers,
6 surpassing 100 guests in its gymnasium and Sunday School
7 classrooms on any given night; and

8 WHEREAS, throughout its relief efforts, Pastor Doug
9 Reeves organized and coordinated efforts to assist survivors,
10 matching tornado victims with necessary volunteer labor and
11 other services; and

12 WHEREAS, in addition to these significant
13 contributions to the community during this difficult time,
14 East McFarland Baptist Church has instilled in adults and
15 children alike a generous spirit of volunteerism and service,
16 an invaluable gift and legacy which will provide a positive
17 and lasting influence on the Tuscaloosa area and this entire
18 state; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby most highly commend
21 the East McFarland Baptist Church for its extensive community
22 service and inspiration, and by copy of this resolution we
23 extend our sincere gratitude and best wishes for future
24 success in all endeavors.