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3 By Senators Dunn, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Fielding, Figures,
5 Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey, Marsh, McGill, Orr,
6 Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield, Singleton,
7 Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and
8 Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 27-APR-11

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4 ENROLLED, SJR104,

5 COMMENDING SHADY GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ON
6 ITS 97TH ANNIVERSARY.

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8 WHEREAS, members of the Shady Grove Missionary
9 Baptist Church of Bessemer, Alabama, are observing the 97th
10 Anniversary of its founding on May 15, 2011, with special
11 services celebrating the Church's distinguished heritage; and

12 WHEREAS, the history of the Shady Grove Missionary
13 Baptist Church is traced to May 6, 1914, when a small group of
14 Christian men and women organized to establish a central place
15 of worship, choosing a site at the edge of a mining camp
16 called "Sloss" in the southeastern area of Bessemer; Reverend
17 W.M. Brown was called to serve as the first Pastor; and

18 WHEREAS, as the membership increased, new quarters
19 for worship were needed and provided; and

20 WHEREAS, the present brick structure was erected in
21 the late 1960s, and additional property was acquired to serve
22 the needs of the congregation as the church grew both
23 spiritually and financially; and

24 WHEREAS, through the years, the church has been
25 blessed with dedicated pastors who provided the leadership to

1 expand the programs, enhance the ministries, and increase the
2 outreach; and

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Victor L. Harkins, Sr., began his
4 inspirational pastorate in October 1998 and maintains the
5 honored traditions of his predecessors, as the church
6 continues its phenomenal growth and development into new areas
7 of service to the congregation and the entire community; now
8 therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Shady Grove Missionary
11 Baptist Church is honored and commended on the occasion of
12 celebrating its 97th Anniversary on May 15, 2011, and this
13 resolution is offered in highest tribute to its illustrious
14 history, along with best wishes for the future.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 09-JUN-11

By: Senator Dunn