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3 By Representative Bracy
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8 HONORING THE MOUNT OLIVE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL
9 ZION CHURCH ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 104TH ANNIVERSARY.
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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to the Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Zion
13 Church on the occasion of its 104th Anniversary Celebration in
14 May 2017; and

15 WHEREAS, Mt. Olive A.M.E. Zion Church was
16 established in May 1913 as a result of the rapid growth of
17 Pritchard, Alabama, which along with the Whistler and Plateau,
18 Alabama, communities had been served by the Pilgrim Rest
19 A.M.E. Zion Church for quite some time; and

20 WHEREAS, Reverend A.A. Jackson, the venerable leader
21 of the Pilgrim Rest A.M.E. Zion Church, along with his
22 congregation, and other highly regarded members of the
23 community, including Reverend and Mrs. A.L. Diamond, Mr. and
24 Mrs. A.C. Reed, Mrs. Melinda Tyson, Master Timothy Tyson, Mr.
25 and Mrs. Richard Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Assie Stewart, Mr. and Mrs.
26 Thomas Moseley, Mrs. Luvenia Leggett, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Grant,

1 and Mrs. Jimmie Bridges organized the Mount Olive A.M.E. Zion
2 Church; and

3 WHEREAS, through the years, the congregation of
4 Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church has been
5 greatly blessed by the leadership of 24 ministers of the
6 gospel and has produced from its members 13 ministers
7 including Reverends A.C. Reed, Johnnie Crumpton, John Jingles,
8 Cleon Roberts, James Allen, Paul Whiteurs, Malone Smith, Jr.,
9 David Richardson, Milton Parsons, Maria Gibbs, Kenith
10 Jefferson, Melinda Young, Dr. Malone D. Smith, Brother Charles
11 Smith, and Brother Marvin Rankin; and

12 WHEREAS, the Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal
13 Zion Church, under the current leadership of Reverend John P.
14 Gant, has enriched countless lives through its ministry and
15 will continue to serve as a beacon of light and a pillar of
16 faith in the community for years to come; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Mount Olive African
19 Methodist Episcopal Zion Church is honored and commended on
20 the occasion of its 104th Anniversary, and this resolution is
21 offered in highest tribute, along with sincere best wishes for
22 continued blessings.