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3 By Representative Rogers
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8 COMMENDING ELLA BERTHA JOSEPH BOWMAN JONES FOR
9 DEDICATED SERVICE.
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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to Dr. Ella Bertha Joseph Bowman
13 Jones of the First Baptist Church Graymont, Birmingham,
14 Alabama, in celebration of her 81 years of dedication to Music
15 Ministry on Sunday, April 23, 2017; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Jones began playing the piano at the
17 First Baptist Church Graymont for Sunday School at an early
18 age and was playing for a choir at age 12; and at age 14, she
19 was accompanist for the high school choir; and

20 WHEREAS, as an adult, Dr. Jones became the Minister
21 of Music at First Baptist Graymont where she remains Minister
22 of Music Emeritus at 93 years of age; and

23 WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Science Degree
24 in Education from Alabama A and M University, her Master of
25 Science Degree in Education from Alabama State University, and
26 completed additional studies in Counseling at The University
27 of Alabama at Birmingham; and

1 WHEREAS, professionally, she was an Adjunct
2 Professor at Simmons Baptist Bible College Indianapolis
3 Extension from 1997-1998; she taught in Birmingham City
4 Schools from 1957-1982 and at Montevallo High School from
5 1943-1948; and

6 WHEREAS, an entrepreneur, she operated Bowman's
7 Groceteria for many years and served as Vice President of
8 BOMAC Exterminating Company, Incorporated, since 1980; and

9 WHEREAS, her community involvement includes the
10 establishment of a scholarship fund at Birmingham Easonian
11 Baptist Bible College in honor of her father, Dr. R. M.
12 Joseph, who served as Pastor of the First Baptist Church
13 Graymont and President of the Easonian Seminary; and

14 WHEREAS, she received a Doctor of Humane Letters
15 Degree awarded for Religious Training and Service in 2016; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Jones has held memberships the National
17 Education Association, American Education Association, NAACP,
18 and Gospel Music Workshop of America; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in celebration of 81 years of
21 extraordinary musical service to First Baptist Church
22 Graymont, Dr. Ella Bertha Joseph Bowman Jones is highly
23 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to her
24 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere
25 best wishes for happiness in all of her future endeavors.