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8 RECOGNIZING THE BLOUNTSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
9 ON THE OCCASION OF ITS BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to the Blountsville United Methodist Church on the
13 occasion of its Bicentennial Anniversary; and

14 WHEREAS, the Blountsville United Methodist Church
15 traces its roots to April 18, 1818, when Ebenezer Hearn
16 preached his first sermon at Bear Meat Cabin, the deserted
17 cabin of a Creek Indian Chief; he founded the church as a
18 point on the circuit he preached during his missionary
19 journey; Ebenezer Hearn is often credited as being the central
20 figure who introduced Methodism to Central Alabama; and

21 WHEREAS, the first church consisted of a large
22 square log building with no steeple and rough-hewn log
23 benches; Blountsville was part of the Methodist Episcopal
24 Church from 1818-1845; the congregation outgrew the original
25 log building by 1885 fueling a campaign to build a new church
26 in 1886; Germany native Otto Puls built the new church which
27 showcased a steeple, high, narrow Gothic windows, a timber

1 roof, magnificent arch braces, and a ceiling decorated in the
2 manner of English parish churches of the 15th Century, and by
3 1891, an organ was procured; and

4 WHEREAS, the ministry expanded with the
5 establishment of educational programs, community outreach
6 programs, and foreign missions; additions included a
7 fellowship hall in 1989 and an educational building in 1990;
8 the community has been active in the progress of the church,
9 and through the years, members of the congregation have
10 churned butter, sold eggs, held bake sales, and carried out
11 numerous unselfish acts of giving to advance its ministry; and

12 WHEREAS, Blountsville United Methodist Church is
13 listed on the Alabama Register of Historic Places, and a
14 plaque on its porch designates it as National United Methodist
15 Site Number 114; from its humble beginnings as a stopping
16 place to preach on a Methodist missionary's journey in the
17 northeast part of Alabama to the celebration of its historic
18 Bicentennial year, Blountsville United Methodist Church has
19 and continues to serve as a central part of Blountsville and
20 the surrounding community; under the current leadership of
21 Reverend Alex Beaubé, the church serves the Lord diligently
22 while spreading the Gospel message and serving the people of
23 the church and community with Christian love and compassion;
24 now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Blountsville United
27 Methodist Church is honored and commended on the occasion of

1 its Bicentennial Anniversary, and this resolution is offered
2 to its pastor and congregation in highest tribute, as well as
3 with sincere best wishes for continued blessings.