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House Resolution

A resolution honoring the Reverend Ernest Ferrell.

WHEREAS, through the Reverend Ernest Ferrell's faithful ministry of the Word, wise guidance and counseling, and unselfish outreach to both church and community, the congregation of Saint Mary Primitive Baptist Church in Tallahassee has experienced a phenomenal growth in membership during the 13 years he has served the church as Pastor, and

WHEREAS, a Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University graduate as well as a pastor in the area for 36 years, Reverend Ferrell is well known for his brilliant leadership, outstanding accomplishments, and numerous contributions, and

WHEREAS, Reverend Ferrell has served as President and CEO of the Tallahassee Urban League for 32 years; is a respected member of the Tallahassee Community College African American History Calendar; and has received honors such as his Alma Mater's prestigious Martin Luther King Leadership Award, the City of Tallahassee's Reginald L. Rolle Minority Business Leadership Award and its Reverend Ernest Ferrell Day Proclamation Award, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Citizen of the Year Award, and the Leon County Achievement and Recognition Award, and

WHEREAS, a proven leader, Reverend Ferrell was president of the Florida Primitive Baptist Convention USA for 10 years, during which period the state convention realized many accomplishments and experienced outstanding growth; and he served as vice president of the national convention for 10

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29 fruitful years, until, in August 2005, he was elected the
30 twelfth president of the National Primitive Baptist Convention,
31 USA, the first time a Tallahassee native has been chosen to
32 serve in that position, and

33 WHEREAS, on February 20, 2006, before an audience of more
34 than 1,000 enthusiastic guests and well-wishers, some from as
35 far away as Ohio and Texas, the Reverend Ernest Ferrell was
36 inaugurated to the highest office of the National Primitive
37 Baptist Convention, USA, NOW, THEREFORE,

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39 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
40 Florida:

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42 That House of Representatives joins in honoring the
43 Reverend Ernest Ferrell, Pastor of Saint Mary Primitive Baptist
44 Church.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
46 presented to the Reverend Ernest Ferrell, President, National
47 Primitive Baptist Convention, USA, as a tangible token of the
48 sentiments expressed herein.