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2 By Senator Carnley
3 RFD: RULES
4 First Read: 16-May-23
5 2023 Regular Session



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR___ DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 9 AS ALABAMA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S
5 HOME DAY.

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7 WHEREAS, on February 14, 1891, an Act of
8 Incorporation was approved by the state Legislature for what
9 would become the Alabama Baptist Children's Homes and Family
10 Ministries; and

11 WHEREAS, on July 8, 1891, Mrs. Mariah Louise Short
12 Becton Woodson of Selma, Alabama, committed her estate as a
13 gift to the Alabama Baptist Children's Homes, ensuring some
14 financial stability for this new ministry; and

15 WHEREAS, on March 8, 1893, Reverend John "Father"
16 Stewart, former pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church became
17 superintendent of the Alabama Baptist Children's Homes and
18 accepted three children into care; and

19 WHEREAS, on February 9, 1923, more than 60 young
20 children and their matrons traveled by train from Evergreen,
21 Alabama, to Troy, Alabama, to occupy a new campus for
22 Alabama Baptist Children's Homes; and

23 WHEREAS, from 1923 until 1999, the Alabama Baptist
24 Children's Homes and Family Ministries occupied the Troy
25 campus and served tens of thousands of children, many of
26 whom have remained in Alabama and have contributed greatly
27 to our state; and

28 WHEREAS, the Alabama Baptist Children's Homes and



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29 Family Ministries continues to thrive as a statewide
30 ministry that provides foster homes for hundreds of
31 children, as well as safe housing for single homeless
32 mothers with dependent children, and a array of family
33 services that serve the citizens of Alabama exceptionally
34 well; now therefore,

35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
36 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That February 9 be acknowledged
37 on the state's calendar as Alabama Baptist Children's Homes
38 Day in acknowledgment for the past and current contributions
39 made to our great state by Alabama Baptist Children's Homes
40 and Family Ministries and as a tribute to the Alabama
41 citizens who grew up on the Troy campus.



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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 Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

Passed: 23-May-23

By: Senator Carnley