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3 By Representatives Boyd, Ainsworth, Alexander, Baker, Ball,
4 Bandy, Beckman, Beech, Black, Boothe, Bracy, Brown, Buskey,
5 Butler, Carns, Chesteen, Clarke, Clouse, Coleman-Evans,
6 Collins, Daniels, Davis, Drake, Drummond, England, Farley,
7 Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Fridy, Garrett, Gaston,
8 Givan, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Hanes, Harbison, Harper,
9 Henry, Hill (J), Hill (M), Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard,
10 Hubbard, Hurst, Ingram, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R),
11 Jones, Knight, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Martin,
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton, Millican,
13 Mooney, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Patterson,
14 Pettus, Polizos, Poole, Pringle, Rich, Robinson, Rogers, Rowe,
15 Sanderford, Scott, Sells, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South,
16 Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Vance, Wadsworth, Warren,
17 Weaver, Whorton (I), Whorton (R), Wilcox, Williams (D),
18 Williams (JD), Williams (JW), Williams (P), Wingo and Wood

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20 First Read: 12-MAY-15

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8 COMMENDING DR. GWENDOLYN ELIZABETH BOYD FOR
9 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
10 OF THE ANNISTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA.
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12 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
13 presented to Dr. Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd for distinguished
14 service on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the
15 Anniston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
16 Incorporated, at the Oxford Civic Center May 30, 2015; and

17 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated,
18 is a private, not-for-profit organization whose noble purpose
19 entails providing assistance and support through established
20 programs in local communities through the world; notably, the
21 sorority has 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in
22 the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin
23 Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, and the Republic of
24 Korea; and

25 WHEREAS, since joining the Anniston Chapter of Delta
26 Sigma Theta as a student at Alabama State University,
27 mechanical engineer and civic leader Dr. Gwendolyn Elizabeth

1 Boyd has made countless contributions, provided expert
2 guidance and leadership in a number of positions for the
3 sorority, and honored the sorority's remarkable legacy of
4 service; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Boyd is an renowned alumna of Jefferson
6 Davis High School, where she helped establish a student
7 interracial council, was a member of the math honor society
8 and choir, and graduated as valedictorian in 1973; she
9 attended Alabama State University on scholarship and graduated
10 summa cum laude with her Bachelor of Science Degree in
11 Mathematics and minors in music and physics in 1977; she
12 received a fellowship to attend Yale University's School of
13 Engineering in New Haven, Connecticut, becoming the school's
14 first African American woman to receive a Master of Science
15 Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1979; and

16 WHEREAS, over the course of her career, she has
17 served as an engineer for IBM in Kingston, New York, as a
18 submarine navigation systems analyst at the Applied Physics
19 Laboratory at John Hopkins University and as the assistant for
20 development programs and executive assistant to the chief of
21 staff in 2004; on September 5, 2014, she was inaugurated as
22 Alabama State University's 14th and first female President;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Boyd's unwavering commitment to
25 excellence in philanthropy reflects immense credit upon the
26 entire State of Alabama; she has enriched countless lives
27 through her meritorious life's work, and she is truly

1 deserving of special recognition; it is a tremendous privilege
2 to recognize her on the momentous occasion of the 50th
3 Anniversary of the Anniston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma
4 Theta Sorority, Incorporated; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
6 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING,
7 That Dr. Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd is highly honored and
8 commended, and this resolution is offered to her in deepest
9 admiration and appreciation, along with sincere best wishes
10 for the future.