

1 HJR232  
2 169240-3  
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  
19 RFD:  
20 First Read: 12-MAY-15

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3                   COMMENDING DR. GWENDOLYN ELIZABETH BOYD FOR  
4 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
5 OF THE ANNISTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA.

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7                   WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
8 presented to Dr. Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd for distinguished  
9 service on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the  
10 Anniston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
11 Incorporated, at the Oxford Civic Center May 30, 2015; and

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

20                   WHEREAS, since joining the Anniston Chapter of Delta  
21 Sigma Theta as a student at Alabama State University,  
22 mechanical engineer and civic leader Dr. Gwendolyn Elizabeth  
23 Boyd has made countless contributions, provided expert  
24 guidance and leadership in a number of positions for the

1 sorority, and honored the sorority's remarkable legacy of  
2 service; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Boyd's unwavering commitment to  
23 excellence in philanthropy reflects immense credit upon the  
24 entire State of Alabama; she has enriched countless lives  
25 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.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
9 and was adopted by the House 12-MAY-15.

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16 Senate

21-MAY-15

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