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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

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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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

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

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

21-MAY-15

Adopted