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3 By Representatives Hall and Daniels  
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8 COMMENDING DR. WILLIAM F. PICKARD FOR PROFESSIONAL  
9 ACHIEVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in  
12 extending highest commendation and honor to Dr. William F.  
13 Pickard for his outstanding record of professional achievement  
14 in an entrepreneurial career that spans over 45 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Pickard obtained a Bachelor's Degree  
16 from Western Michigan University, a Master's Degree from the  
17 University of Michigan, and a Doctor of Philosophy from The  
18 Ohio State University; he is a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha  
19 Fraternity; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Pickard is Chairperson of Global  
21 Automotive Alliance, Chief Executive Officer of Bearwood  
22 Management Company, and Co-owner of five black-owned  
23 newspapers; since its founding in 1989 and under Dr. Pickard's  
24 expert leadership, Global Automotive Alliance has generated  
25 more than \$5 billion in sales with eight plants in the United  
26 States and Canada, and service corporations such as Boeing,

1                   Mercedes Benz, Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, Delphi, Johnson  
2                   Controls, Starbucks, Home Depot, and Merck Pharmaceutical; and  
3                   WHEREAS, in addition to his professional  
4                   responsibilities, Dr. Pickard is devoted to giving back,  
5                   serving on numerous business and nonprofit boards including  
6                   Asset Acceptance Capital Corporation, Michigan National Bank,  
7                   LaSalle Bank, Business Leaders for Michigan, National Urban  
8                   League, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Detroit Black Chamber  
9                   of Commerce; in 2001, Dr. Pickard was awarded Michiganian of  
10                  the Year for his business success, civic leadership, and  
11                  philanthropy; in 1982, appointed by President Ronald Reagan,  
12                  he was the first Chairperson of the African Development  
13                  Foundation; in 1990, under President George Bush's leadership,  
14                  he was appointed to The National Advisory Committee on Trade  
15                  Policy Negotiations and in 1991, the Federal Home Loan Bank  
16                  Board-Indianapolis Bank in Indiana; Dr. Pickard has donated  
17                  over \$1 million to the National Museum of African American  
18                  History and Culture in Washington, D.C.; additionally, he has  
19                  donated over \$3 million to Western Michigan University; the  
20                  William F. Pickard Living Center at Grand Valley State  
21                  University is named in his honor; and

22                   WHEREAS, creating and inspiring a new generation of  
23                  entrepreneurs, Dr. Pickard has authored a book, Millionaire  
24                  Moves, sharing his seven proven and undeniable principles  
25                  anyone can use and apply to become successful; and

26                   WHEREAS, Dr. Pickard demonstrates strong leadership,  
27                  management, and enterprising skills; he inspires confidence

1 and credibility throughout business sectors; Dr. Pickard has  
2 earned widespread respect for his extraordinary business  
3 acumen and his commitment; his valuable contributions are  
4 far-reaching and innumerable; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. William F. Pickard is  
7 commended for his exemplary professional achievement, and this  
8 resolution is offered in highest tribute to him along with  
9 best wishes for all future endeavors.