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

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

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

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

1 Mercedez 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 Michiganiaan 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
6       THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, 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.