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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 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 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 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.