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3 By Representatives Hall and Daniels
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 22-FEB-22

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING DR. WILLIAM F. PICKARD FOR PROFESSIONAL
4 ACHIEVEMENT.

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Pickard is Chairperson of Global
16 Automotive Alliance, Chief Executive Officer of Bearwood
17 Management Company, and Co-owner of five black-owned
18 newspapers; since its founding in 1989 and under Dr. Pickard's
19 expert leadership, Global Automotive Alliance has generated
20 more than \$5 billion in sales with eight plants in the United
21 States and Canada, and service corporations such as Boeing,
22 Mercedes Benz, Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, Delphi, Johnson
23 Controls, Starbucks, Home Depot, and Merck Pharmaceutical; and

24 WHEREAS, in addition to his professional
25 responsibilities, Dr. Pickard is devoted to giving back,

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Pickard demonstrates strong leadership,
23 management, and enterprising skills; he inspires confidence
24 and credibility throughout business sectors; Dr. Pickard has
25 earned widespread respect for his extraordinary business

1 acumen and his commitment; his valuable contributions are
2 far-reaching and innumerable; now therefore,

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

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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 24-FEB-22.

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Jeff Woodard
Clerk

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