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3 By Representatives Hall, Daniels
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4 HJR___ COMMENDING DR. LLOYD WALKER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
5 RETIREMENT FROM ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound appreciation and deepest
8 admiration that we recognize Dr. Lloyd Walker for 33 years
9 of steadfast service and leadership as a professor, dean,
10 and research director at Alabama A&M University; we also
11 take this opportunity to heartily congratulate him on the
12 momentous occasion of his retirement, effective January 1,
13 2026; and

14 WHEREAS, colleagues describe Dr. Walker's
15 contributions to reshaping the poultry industry as
16 foundational; however, he humbly credits his work with
17 students as remaining central to all his decisions; he
18 believes that real education means teaching students how to
19 use the knowledge that they have earned and learned; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Walker, a native of Port Morant in Saint
21 Thomas Parish, Jamaica, received Bachelor's and Master's
22 degrees from Prairie View A&M University in his home
23 country, as well as a Ph.D. from Texas A&M University in
24 College Station, Texas; his early research focused on how to
25 rapidly increase poultry production without the expense of
26 expanding aging facilities; he was a member of the team that
27 helped refine electrical stimulation techniques to
28 accelerate tenderization, moving poultry more efficiently



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29 into the market; and

30 WHEREAS, at Alabama A&M, he taught chemistry and held
31 a variety of leadership roles including department chair,
32 interim associate provost, and dean; administrative
33 positions included the registrar's office, admissions,
34 University College, the State Black Archives, programs, and
35 eventually the Office of Sponsored Programs; in 2014, he
36 became Dean of the College of Agricultural, Life and Natural
37 Sciences and Director of 1890 Research; and

38 WHEREAS, Dr. Walker has been married for 44 years to
39 his lovely and accomplished wife, Faye, who retired from
40 Huntsville City Schools after a successful career of her
41 own; their son, Kibwe, who attained his biology degree from
42 Alabama A&M, now works as a regional training manager in
43 Virginia; daughter, Carol, has built a successful career of
44 her own; and youngest daughter, Karlene Walker-Shirley is a
45 pediatrician; in retirement, Dr. Walker looks forward to
46 spending time with all of them, as well as present and
47 future grandchildren; and

48 WHEREAS, other plans for the newly retired Dr. Walker
49 include remaining connected to Alabama A&M, as a teacher or
50 speaker when needed; continuing to write, specifically a
51 more student-friendly food chemistry text and a book
52 capturing the Jamaican sayings of his mother, Remella
53 Nesbeth; and traveling with Faye to new places they have not
54 yet explored; now therefore,

55 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
56 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby most highly



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57 commend Dr. Lloyd Walker for his many years of faithful
58 devotion to shaping students into leaders of the future, and
59 we extend to him our heartfelt gratitude and sincere best
60 wishes for continued health, happiness, and fulfillment in
61 all the days to come.