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3 By Representative Ford
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8 COMMENDING JOHN MARSHALL WOODS, SR.
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10 WHEREAS, it is a privilege and a great pleasure to
11 extend highest commendation to a remarkable Alabamian, John
12 Marshall Woods, Sr., in recognition of his illustrious career
13 as an educator, minister, and civic leader; and

14 WHEREAS, he is a proud veteran who served in the
15 United States Army prior to embarking on a teaching career in
16 the Gadsden City School System, and he later accepted a
17 position on the faculty of Gadsden State Community College,
18 where he retired in September 2000; and

19 WHEREAS, his academic credentials include attending
20 St. Clair County Training School and Daniel Payne College in
21 Birmingham; he earned both a Master's Degree and Education
22 Specialist Degree from Alabama State University and completed
23 further studies at the Sanford University Extension Center in
24 Gadsden; and

25 WHEREAS, while serving as an educator, he answered a
26 call to the ministry and in 1979 followed in the footsteps of
27 his father, taking over the pastoral duties of First Baptist

1 Church of Alabama City; under his inspirational leadership,
2 the church has experienced growth both numerically and
3 spiritually; and

4 WHEREAS, his roles of community leadership include
5 membership on numerous boards of directors in health,
6 education, ministerial, and civil rights organizations; in
7 addition, he has served as a substitute instructor at RAPHA, a
8 Christian home for drug and alcohol recovery and as a
9 counselor with Charis, also a drug and alcohol recovery
10 organization; and

11 WHEREAS, devoted to family, faith, and his
12 fellowman, he has been married for more than 40 years to
13 Barbara Burden Woods; their union was blessed with two sons,
14 Kenric Woods and John Woods, Jr., who is deceased; there are
15 also cherished grandchildren, who are the source of endless
16 joy; and

17 WHEREAS, through the years, John Marshall Woods,
18 Sr., has earned admiration and respect for his exceptional
19 skills and tireless commitment, and he has received numerous
20 well-deserved awards and recognitions; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That in acknowledgement of a
23 lifetime of achievement and service, John Marshall Woods, Sr.,
24 is honored and commended, and this resolution is offered in
25 highest tribute and deepest appreciation to him on behalf of
26 the citizens of the State of Alabama, who hold him in great
27 esteem.

