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3 By Representatives Boyd, Ainsworth, Alexander, Baker, Ball,
4 Bandy, Beckman, Beech, Black, Boothe, Bracy, Brown, Buskey,
5 Butler, Carns, Chesteen, Clarke, Clouse, Coleman-Evans,
6 Collins, Daniels, Davis, Drake, Drummond, England, Farley,
7 Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Fridy, Garrett, Gaston,
8 Givan, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Hanes, Harbison, Harper,
9 Henry, Hill (J), Hill (M), Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard,
10 Hubbard, Hurst, Ingram, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R),
11 Jones, Knight, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Martin,
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton, Millican,
13 Mooney, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Patterson,
14 Pettus, Polizos, Poole, Pringle, Rich, Robinson, Rogers, Rowe,
15 Sanderford, Scott, Sells, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South,
16 Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Vance, Wadsworth, Warren,
17 Weaver, Whorton (I), Whorton (R), Wilcox, Williams (D),
18 Williams (JD), Williams (JW), Williams (P), Wingo and Wood
19 RFD:
20 First Read: 12-MAY-15

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8 COMMENDING DR. GWENDOLYN ELIZABETH BOYD FOR
9 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
10 OF THE ANNISTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA.
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12 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
13 presented to Dr. Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd for distinguished
14 service on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the
15 Anniston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
16 Incorporated, at the Oxford Civic Center May 30, 2015; and

17 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated,
18 is a private, not-for-profit organization whose noble purpose
19 entails providing assistance and support through established
20 programs in local communities through the world; notably, the
21 sorority has 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in
22 the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin
23 Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, and the Republic of
24 Korea; and

25 WHEREAS, she joined the Beta Eta Chapter at Alabama
26 State University as a student; she is a mechanical engineer
27 and civic leader; Dr. Boyd has made countless contributions,

1 provided expert guidance and leadership in a number of
2 positions for the sorority, and honored the sorority's
3 remarkable legacy of service; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Boyd is an renowned alumna of Jefferson
5 Davis High School, where she helped establish a student
6 interracial council, was a member of the math honor society
7 and choir, and graduated as valedictorian in 1973; she
8 attended Alabama State University on scholarship and graduated
9 summa cum laude with her Bachelor of Science Degree in
10 Mathematics and minors in music and physics in 1977; she
11 received a fellowship to attend Yale University's School of
12 Engineering in New Haven, Connecticut, becoming the school's
13 first African American woman to receive a Master of Science
14 Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1979; and

15 WHEREAS, over the course of her career, she has
16 served as an engineer for IBM in Kingston, New York, as a
17 submarine navigation systems analyst at the Applied Physics
18 Laboratory at John Hopkins University and as the assistant for
19 development programs and executive assistant to the chief of
20 staff in 2004; on September 5, 2014, she was inaugurated as
21 Alabama State University's 14th and first female President;
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23 WHEREAS, Dr. Boyd's unwavering commitment to
24 excellence in philanthropy reflects immense credit upon the
25 entire State of Alabama; she has enriched countless lives
26 through her meritorious life's work, and she is truly
27 deserving of special recognition; it is a tremendous privilege

1 to recognize her on the momentous occasion of the 50th
2 Anniversary of the Anniston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma
3 Theta Sorority, Incorporated; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
5 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dr. Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd
6 is highly honored and commended, and this resolution is
7 offered to her in deepest admiration and appreciation, along
8 with sincere best wishes for the future.