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3 By Representatives Hall, Daniels, Whorton (R), Williams (P),  
4 Ball, Sanderford, McCutcheon and Patterson  
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8 RECOGNIZING OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY ON THE OCCASION OF  
9 ITS 2016 ALUMNI HOMECOMING WEEKEND.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
12 presented to Oakwood University on the momentous occasion of  
13 its Alumni Homecoming Weekend on March 24-27, 2016; and

14 WHEREAS, Oakwood University was founded as the  
15 Oakwood Manual Training School in 1896, with an initial  
16 enrollment of 16 students, as an industrial school to educate  
17 African-Americans in the South; and

18 WHEREAS, Oakwood University is a historically black,  
19 Seventh-day Adventist, liberal arts institution in Huntsville,  
20 Alabama, that nobly adheres to its mission of transforming  
21 students through biblically based education for service to God  
22 and humanity; and

23 WHEREAS, Oakwood University is considered one of  
24 Huntsville's historical landmarks with current land holdings  
25 of over 1200 acres and a student enrollment of over 1700; and

26 WHEREAS, Oakwood University is active in the  
27 Hunstville Community with students carrying out its mission of

1 service through participation in local tutoring, disaster  
2 relief, community improvement, and child development programs;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, in 1958, Oakwood University, then known as  
5 Oakwood College, was accredited by the Southern Association of  
6 Colleges and Schools to award associate and baccalaureate  
7 degrees; and

8 WHEREAS, the name of Oakwood College was changed to  
9 Oakwood University on January 1, 2008, when the school  
10 achieved accreditation after adding its first graduate  
11 program, the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies; and

12 WHEREAS, U.S. News and World Report has consistently  
13 ranked Oakwood University among top-tier, private liberal arts  
14 colleges and universities in the South; and

15 WHEREAS, Oakwood University is celebrating 120 years  
16 of transforming lives; and

17 WHEREAS, the Oakwood University Alumni Association  
18 is celebrating its 90th year of promoting both Oakwood  
19 University and the fellowship of its alumni; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Oakwood University is honored  
22 and commended, and this resolution is offered to Oakwood  
23 University in highest tribute, along with sincere best wishes  
24 for continued success in all future endeavors.