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3 By Representative Boyd  
4 RFD:  
5 First Read: 06-APR-22

COMMENDING DR. DOLIA MCINTOSH PATTERSON ON HER  
RECOGNITION BY THE WILLIE AND BETTY FARRIOR FAMILY FOUNDATION.

WHEREAS, On March 10, 2022, the Willie and Betty  
Farrior Family Foundation recognized various Talladega County  
community leaders for their contributions to the Talladega  
County community and society; the Willie and Betty Farrior  
Family Foundation was established in honor of Willie and Betty  
Farrior, a totally blind couple who, together, dedicated their  
existences to positively impacting their community and  
advocating for those who could not advocate for themselves;  
and

WHEREAS, among those recognized was Dr. Dolia  
McIntosh Patterson, a longtime Talladega County educator who  
has devoted her life to teaching and mentoring the county's  
youth; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson believes that one must  
educate herself in order to better educate others; as such,  
she has earned all of the following degrees: Associate in Arts  
in Elementary Education from Selma University in 1971;

1 Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Miles College  
2 in 1974; Master of Science in Elementary Education from  
3 Jacksonville State University in 1978; Certification in  
4 Administration and Supervision from Jackson State University  
5 in 1986; Education Specialist degree in Educational  
6 Administration from the University of Alabama in 1994; and a  
7 Doctor of Education in Educational Administration from the  
8 University of Alabama in 1997; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson has served her community by  
10 working in the following educational roles: Instructor and  
11 Acting Principal for Houston Elementary School; Assistant  
12 Principal for Talladega High School; Principal of Dixon Middle  
13 School; Principal of Houston Elementary School; and member of  
14 the Talladega City Board of Education and Coordinator of K-12  
15 Curriculum and Instruction; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson's contributions to the  
17 community extend well beyond the schoolhouse walls; she is a  
18 member of Mount Canaan Baptist Church, where she serves as  
19 Counselor of Matrons, as President of the Church  
20 Beautification Council, as a Sunday School musician, and as a  
21 Sunday School teacher for the ladies' class; she is a former  
22 member of the Red Cross Board; she is a former member of the  
23 North Talladega County Leadership Planning Board; she is a  
24 former member of the Education 2000 Planning Board; she is a  
25 former President of the Board of Directors for the Community  
26 Action Agency for Talladega, Clay, Randolph, Calhoun, and  
27 Cleburne Counties; and she is a proud member of Alpha Kappa

1 Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Mu Tau Omega Chapter, through  
2 which she performs philanthropy and mentorship; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson lives her life according to  
4 the guidance of the Scriptures that she holds dear; she gains  
5 strength from her favorite verses, some of which include Psalm  
6 121:1-2, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence  
7 cometh my help! My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven  
8 and earth." and Psalm 27:1, "The Lord is my light and my  
9 salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my  
10 life; Of whom shall I be afraid?"; she also is guided by the  
11 familiar Serenity Prayer, through which she reminds herself of  
12 what she entrusts to God, and what God has entrusted to her in  
13 return; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson's commitment to future  
15 generations is further inspired by the offspring of her and  
16 her husband, Dr. Horace L. Patterson, Senior Pastor of Mount  
17 Canaan Baptist Church: two sons, Horace Jr. and Julian Niles,  
18 and one daughter, Ivy Eleece Patterson; one daughter-in-law,  
19 Angela Patterson; and four grandchildren, Horace III, Jordan  
20 Kaesi, Nicholas, and Christian; and

21 WHEREAS, this body finds it fitting and proper to  
22 commend Dr. Patterson for exhibiting the spirit of a true  
23 Alabamian, and for serving as an example of leadership and  
24 virtue; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dr. Dolia McIntosh Patterson  
27 is hereby commended for her recognition by the Willie and

1 Betty Farrior Family Foundation, and that a copy of this  
2 resolution be offered to her as a token of the immense esteem  
3 with which she is regarded by this body.