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HJR\_\_\_ COMMENDING MS. GWENDOLYN DENICE RICHARDSON FOR BEING  
INDUCTED INTO THE 3RD CLASS OF J.F. SHIELDS/MONROE COUNTY  
TRAINING SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
conveyed to Ms. Gwendolyn Denice Richardson for being  
inducted into the 3rd Class of J.F. Shields/Monroe County  
Training School Athletic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Richardson was born on August 7, 1958,  
in Beatrice, Alabama, to the late Earvin Lee Richardson  
and the late Bernice Johnson Richardson; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Richardson graduated from J.F. Shields  
High School as Valedictorian in 1976; she achieved a  
plethora of accomplishments during her high school years,  
including, but not limited to, writing articles for The  
Monroe Journal, participating in the band as a flute player  
from 1970-1976, being selected in the 1976 edition of "Who's  
Who Among Music Students in American High Schools", and  
being selected as J.F. Shields High School's 1976 Betty  
Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow for outstanding  
performance and superior knowledge demonstrated in the  
examination of family life knowledge and attributes of the



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26 Betty Crocker Search of Leadership in Family Living; since  
27 2009, she has served as her high school's photographer for  
28 basketball, football, and other school functions; and

29 WHEREAS, Ms. Richardson has been serving as the  
30 Monroe County Commission Administrator for over 20 years as  
31 the first Black person hired in the position; one of her  
32 most noteworthy accomplishments during her career was when  
33 she led her team from a paper based yellow worksheets system  
34 to a fully automated computerized system, significantly  
35 improving and streamlining the overall operation of the  
36 office; and

37 WHEREAS, Ms. Richardson has been involved in all  
38 levels of the Association of County Administrators of  
39 Alabama (ACAA), serving as Second Vice President in 2006,  
40 First Vice President in 2007, and President in 2008; she has  
41 been a member of the ACAA Board of Directors for 15 years  
42 and currently serves as a member of the Legislative  
43 Committee; she also served as the District 10 Representative  
44 from 2003 to 2005; and

45 WHEREAS, an immensely distinguished woman indeed,  
46 some of Ms. Richardson's other achievements include being  
47 selected by the Association of County Commissions of Alabama  
48 to serve as a member of the Modernization III Policy Team  
49 from 2014 to 2015; serving as the local chairperson of the  
50 2020 Census Monroe County Complete County Committee, where



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51 she organized an unprecedented campaign to raise awareness  
52 and educate the citizens of Monroe County on the importance  
53 of standing up and being counted in the 2020 Census; being a  
54 life member of the Auburn University Alumni Association; and  
55 being recognized and honored by the ACAA as the recipient of  
56 the coveted John Gordon County Administrator of the Year  
57 Award; and

58 WHEREAS, an incredible leader of steadfast  
59 dedication, Ms. Richardson is an inspiration and friend to  
60 many throughout the State of Alabama and beyond; now  
61 therefore,

62 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
63 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Ms. Gwendolyn Denice  
64 Richardson is highly commended for being inducted into the  
65 3rd Class of J.F. Shields/Monroe County Training School  
66 Athletic Hall of Fame, and this resolution hereby serves as  
67 a tribute to her with heartiest admiration and regard.