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HJR___ COMMENDING DR. CYNTHIA SELLERS-SIMON FOR HER
EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY.

WHEREAS, with pride and pleasure, commendations are
posthumously extended to Dr. Cynthia Sellers-Simon for her
exceptional service to Tuskegee University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cynthia Sellers-Simon, a native of
Elba, Alabama, was groomed by her parents, the late Mr. Ben
Daniels and the late Mrs. Onnie Bell Daniels, to live a life
of exemplary service to humankind; after graduating from
Elba High School, Dr. Sellers-Simon prepared well for this
pathway in life by first achieving the Bachelor of Science
Degree in Social Studies Education from Tuskegee University;
subsequent to receiving the Master of Education Degree in
Student Personnel Services and Counseling from Tuskegee
University, she pursued and was awarded the Doctor of
Philosophy Degree in Higher Education Administration, with a
concentration in management, from Georgia State University;
Dr. Sellers-Simon also completed postdoctoral work at
Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, with this breadth of educational
preparedness, Dr. Sellers-Simon commenced a lifetime career
as a higher education administrator; in several leadership
roles she made and left indelible footprints in the hearts
and minds of her colleagues and students at Fort Valley



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29 State University, Hampton University, Tuskegee University,
30 and Allen University; as Vice President of Student Affairs
31 at Fort Valley State, Tuskegee, and Allen Universities, she
32 molded and directed many students' lives; she broadened
33 institutional outreach to diverse external communities as
34 Assistant to the President at Hampton and Fort Valley State
35 Universities; additionally, Dr. Sellers-Simon found the time
36 to teach courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels;
37 her refereed journal publications and professional
38 presentations at local, state, and national conferences
39 focused on student orientation and success, counseling and
40 career development, student learning, and student leadership
41 development; she secured scholarships and external funding
42 to implement innovative student programs and services; and

43 WHEREAS, globally, Dr. Sellers-Simon attended
44 seminars and participated in executive leadership training
45 and professional development programs in Senegal, Ghana,
46 Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Brazil, and England; in the
47 local communities where she lived, she was an active member
48 of the NAACP, Alumnae Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta
49 Sorority, Incorporated, and The Links, Incorporated; in her
50 leisure time, she loved to travel and read and also try new
51 adventures like white water rafting and snow skiing; she was
52 a fun loving person who also loved to dance; and

53 WHEREAS, Dr. Cynthia Sellers-Simon was a member of
54 the Tuskegee University, formerly Tuskegee Institute, Class
55 of 1974; she served with Representative Pebblin Walker
56 Warren as the class agent until her death; she loved and was



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57 committed to the university; the class will be celebrating
58 their 50th reunion at the 2024 Tuskegee University Founders
59 Day from April 13-15, 2024; and

60 WHEREAS, Dr. Cynthia Sellers-Simon is survived by her
61 beloved husband, Mr. Patric Simon; her daughters, Latasha
62 Williams (Jason) and Kettisha Sellers (Christopher Chapman);
63 granddaughter, Kaylah Wimes; and grandsons, Javian Wimes,
64 Joshua Williams, Jordan Williams, and Caleb Chapman;
65 brother, Dandrea Daniels; and a host of other relatives and
66 friends; now therefore,

67 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
68 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. Cynthia Sellers-Simon is
69 highly commended for her exceptional service to Tuskegee
70 University, and this resolution is offered in tribute to her
71 life and legacy of service.