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3 By Representative Hall
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 18-Mar-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

2 COMMENDING DR. SHANNEN DEE WILLIAMS FOR PROFESSIONAL
3 ACHIEVEMENTS AND LASTING IMPACT ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
4 PERTAINING TO WOMEN AND RELIGION.

5 WHEREAS, with great pleasure and pride, highest
6 commendations are conveyed to Dr. Shannen Dee Williams for
7 her professional achievements and lasting impact on African
8 American History, particularly in regard to women and
9 religion; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Williams earned her Bachelor of Arts in
11 History with magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa honors from
12 Agnes Scott College; a Master of Arts in Afro-American
13 Studies from the University of Wisconsin at Madison; and a
14 Doctor of Philosophy in History from Rutgers University; she
15 is a Distinguished Lecturer for the Organization of American
16 Historians and an Associate Professor of History at the
17 University of Dayton; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Williams' research on the African
19 American experience, with specializations in women's,
20 religious, and Black freedom movement history, has been
21 supported by a host of grants and fellowships, including a
22 Scholar-in-Residence Fellowship at the Schomburg Center for
23 Research in Black Culture, a Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral
24 Fellowship in Religion and Ethics from the Woodrow Wilson
25 National Foundation, an Albert J. Beveridge Grant from the
26 American Historical Association, and the John Tracy Ellis
27 Dissertation Award from the American Catholic Historical
28 Association; her work has been published in the *Journal of*



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29 *African American History, American Catholic Studies, The*
30 *Washington Post, America Magazine, U.S. Catholic, and the*
31 *National Catholic Reporter*; she penned the award-winning
32 column, "The Griot's Cross" in the Catholic News Service
33 from 2020 to 2022; and

34 WHEREAS, Dr. Williams authored *Subversive Habits:*
35 *Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African American Freedom*
36 *Struggle*, which was named a top five book published in
37 religion by *Publisher's Weekly*; received the 2022 Letitia
38 Woods Brown Award for Best Book in African American Women's
39 History from the Association of Black Women Historians; and
40 the 2023 Wesley-Logan Prize for Outstanding Book in African
41 Diaspora History from the American Historical Association
42 and the Association for the Study of African American Life
43 and History; and

44 WHEREAS, a lifelong Catholic, Dr. Williams is the
45 first Black woman elected to the Executive Council of the
46 American Catholic Historical Association; she is a
47 co-founder of the Fleming-Morrow Endowment in African
48 American History at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville;
49 she successfully submitted proposals to establish the Mother
50 Mary Lange Lecture in Black Catholic History at Villanova
51 University and the Cyprian Davis, O.S.B., Prize through the
52 American Catholic Historical Association and the Cushwa
53 Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the
54 University of Notre Dame; now therefore,

55 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
56 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That for her lasting impact on



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57 African American history, particularly women's and religious
58 history, and for her notable professional accomplishments,
59 Dr. Shannen Dee Williams is highly commended, and this
60 resolution is offered to her as evidence of our high regard
61 with best wishes for continued success, blessings, and
62 prosperity.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 01-Apr-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

03-Apr-25

Adopted