

## HJR98 ENROLLED



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2 7BB58EV-2  
3 By Representatives Jackson, McCampbell, Sellers, Hendrix,  
4 Daniels  
5 RFD: Rules  
6 First Read: 27-Feb-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 HONORING WOODIE PUGH FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO  
4 EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE.  
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6 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and appreciation that  
7 we recognize Woodie Pugh, a consummate public servant whose  
8 dedication to education and public service has positively  
9 impacted Clarke County, the State of Alabama, and beyond for  
10 over five decades; and

11 WHEREAS, Woodie Pugh is a trailblazer in Clarke  
12 County, having served as the county's first Black  
13 Superintendent of Education and the first Black individual  
14 to be elected to a countywide office in 2008; and

15 WHEREAS, he devoted 30 years of service to Clarke  
16 County's school system, initially as an agribusiness  
17 education teacher at Clarke County High School from 1979  
18 until his retirement in December 2007; and

19 WHEREAS, before running for Superintendent, he  
20 expanded his impact in education as Assistant Principal,  
21 Athletic Director, and Day Care Coordinator at West  
22 Oktibbeha County High School in Maben, Mississippi; and

23 WHEREAS, he served as Superintendent of Education for  
24 Clarke County from January 2009 to December 2012 and later  
25 provided interim leadership as Superintendent for Wilcox  
26 County in 2013 and Conecuh County in 2015; and

27 WHEREAS, his influence extended beyond administrative  
28 roles, as he was a committed mentor and leader in Future



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Farmers of America and a presenter for the Alabama Global Vision in 1997; and

WHEREAS, his excellence in teaching was recognized when he was named Walmart Teacher of the Year in 2000, underscoring his dedication to student success and educational development; and

WHEREAS, he has contributed to his community through service on the Clarke Educators Federal Credit Union Board of Directors and the Children's Center of Clarke County, Incorporated, as well as through his role as a Selective Service Board Member; and

WHEREAS, he has exemplified strong leadership in civic and fraternal organizations, serving as Masonic Grand District Deputy for Clarke, Monroe, and Wilcox Counties from 2007 to 2015, a member of Abraham Consistory 257, Valley of Demopolis, and holding the esteemed positions of Most Wise from 2016 to 2024 and Commander in Chief of Abraham 257 as of December 2024; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to service extends to his past roles as Past Worshipful Master, Past Vice President of Men Making a Difference Social and Saving Club, and a devoted member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, a proud native of Coffeetown, Alabama, he is the son of the late Mr. Woodie and Mrs. Viola Pugh, and the proud father of two daughters, Stacey and Kim, as well as a cherished grandfather to three grandchildren, Jaison, Jaden, and Jordan; and



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57           WHEREAS, he is an accomplished scholar and lifelong  
58 learner, having earned degrees from Alabama A&M University  
59 in Huntsville and Alabama State University in Montgomery;  
60 and

61           WHEREAS, on the occasion of Kappa Alpha Psi Day at  
62 the Alabama State Capitol, it is both fitting and a  
63 privilege to commend Woodie Pugh for his unwavering  
64 dedication to education, community service, and leadership;  
65 now therefore,

66           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
67 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Legislature  
68 hereby expresses its highest commendation and deepest  
69 gratitude to Woodie Pugh for his exemplary service and  
70 outstanding contributions to the State of Alabama.

71           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
72 resolution be presented to Woodie Pugh as a token of our  
73 admiration and appreciation.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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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 04-Mar-25.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

Senate

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**19-Mar-25**

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Adopted