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4 HR\_\_\_\_\_ HONORING DR. PRUDENCE LABEACH POLLARD ON HER  
5 OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY.  
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7 WHEREAS, Dr. Prudence LaBeach Pollard has served over  
8 14 years as First Lady for Oakwood University and is married  
9 to Dr. Leslie Nelson Pollard, Ph.D., D. Min., President of  
10 Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama; she has dedicated  
11 her time and efforts to help Oakwood University and the  
12 Huntsville Community succeed in every way possible; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Pollard served Oakwood University from  
14 2011 to 2024 as Vice President for Quality Assurance,  
15 Research and Faculty Development and is the Founding Dean  
16 for the School of Graduate Studies; she is tenured as a  
17 Professor of Management in the Oakwood University School of  
18 Business and is the author of "Raise a Leader, God's Way"  
19 and has edited multitudinous books, published a plethora of  
20 articles, and delivered approximately over 100 scholarly  
21 presentations; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Pollard holds a Bachelor of Science in  
23 Nutrition and Dietetics, Oakwood University; a Master in  
24 Public Health, University of Michigan; a Ph.D. in  
25 Evaluation, Measurement, and Research Design, Western  
26 Michigan University; and is also a Registered Dietitian,  
27 American Dietetic Association; and specializing in  
28 leadership and community health and wellness, is a senior



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29 professional in human resources, Human Resources  
30 Certification Institute; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Pollard's academic and professional  
32 positions at Oakwood University have included, but were not  
33 limited to, Academic Planner, Human Resource Administrator,  
34 Technology Administrator, Strategic Planner, Leadership  
35 Development Consultant/Researcher, and Founder and  
36 Administrator for an internally funded Faculty Development  
37 Grant Program to support development of faculty research  
38 capabilities; and

39 WHEREAS, Dr. Prudence LaBeach Pollard designed and  
40 launched both the Oakwood University Leadership Academy  
41 (iLEAD) for executives and the innovative Frontline Academy  
42 for staff; and

43 WHEREAS, Dr. Pollard began her health care career in  
44 the Blue Zone at Loma Linda University as a professor in the  
45 School of Public Health; she has worked as a university  
46 educator since 1986, and a university administrator since  
47 1994; she brings to her achievements a wealth of experience  
48 across four universities; and

49 WHEREAS, Dr. Pollard worked with a team of 35 to  
50 envision what a healthy HBCU should look like; her research  
51 uncovered the comorbidities of diabetes, obesity,  
52 hypertension, and cardiovascular diseases that affect not  
53 only African American adults, but also African American  
54 adolescents; and

55 WHEREAS, Dr. Pollard launched HealthyCampus2020 to  
56 assess the health of the university and develop a healthier



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57 campus, currently known as Healthy Campus, Healthy  
58 Community; Oakwood University was awarded the Crystal Apple  
59 Award by Mrs. Michelle Obama's Partnership for a Healthier  
60 America in 2018; and

61 WHEREAS, with honor, appreciation, and prestige Dr.  
62 Pollard was presented the President's Lifetime Achievement  
63 Award in recognition of her volunteer leadership and service  
64 to our great nation from former President Joseph R. Biden,  
65 Jr. on March 20, 2022; and

66 WHEREAS, she has made an extraordinary impact through  
67 heartfelt and diligent contributions; her efforts have  
68 greatly benefited Oakwood University and the neighboring  
69 communities; now therefore,

70 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
71 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the State Legislative Office of  
72 Alabama Representative Laura Hall formally honors Dr.  
73 Prudence LaBeach Pollard for more than a decade of exemplary  
74 achievements and service.