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HR\_\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING MILDRED S. WOODS ON BEING NAMED A WILLIE AND BETTY FARRIOR FAMILY FOUNDATION HONOREE.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are extended to Mildred S. Woods for being recognized as a Willie and Betty Fariior Family Foundation Honoree for her many contributions to her community; and

WHEREAS, the foundation is named in honor of Willie Fariior, the first African American hired by the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB) and the first African American to be recognized as Blind Worker of the Year in 1973; in 1974, he was promoted to training instructor and became the first Black assistant supervisor for AIDB in 1979; in 2017, the foundation was established by his daughter, Mary Louise Fariior-White and grandson, Retired Colonel Cedrick A. Fariior; the foundation recognizes certain individuals who have selflessly contributed their time for the betterment of their community; and

WHEREAS, Mildred S. Woods is a retired educator from the Talladega City School System as a special education teacher, reading and math teacher, adult education teacher with the Federal Correctional Institute, Central Alabama Community College, Talladega College, Sharp Dean School of Continuing Education, Green Christian Academy, and Youth Conservation Corp; Mildred is a member of Peace Baptist



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29 Church where she has served as Superintendent of Sunday  
30 School, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Chaplain of the  
31 Willing Workers Ministry, Secretary of the Matrons, Director  
32 of the Youth Choir, President of the Senior Choir, President  
33 of the Seniors Ushers Ministry, organizer and Chairperson of  
34 the B.T. Wilson Scholarship Fund Committee, and organizer of  
35 the Youth Development Organization; and

36 WHEREAS, Mildred's community involvement includes  
37 Alabama Democratic Women, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
38 Incorporated, College City Temple #823, Daughters of the  
39 Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World,  
40 Incorporated, Member of the Elizabeth Chapter #447 Order of  
41 Eastern Star in Talladega County, and coaching softball; and

42 WHEREAS, Mildred has received many awards and much  
43 recognition over the years such as: Outstanding Black  
44 Educators Award, Jacksonville's Teacher Hall of Fame,  
45 National Writing Fellow, American Collegiate Poet Anthology  
46 Special Award for Poetic Work, Alabama Teacher of the Year  
47 (elementary division), Meritorious Service Award-Past State  
48 President of the IBPOEW, Outstanding Service Award presented  
49 by Pitter Patter University, Miss United Negro College Fund  
50 Award, and Outstanding Citizens Award presented by Alabama  
51 Democratic Committee; now therefore,

52 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
53 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That highest honors and  
54 commendations be given to Mildred S. Woods for her  
55 distinguished service in her community and for being  
56 recognized as a Willie and Betty Farrior Family Foundation



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57 Honoree, and we offer this resolution as a token of our  
58 gratitude and as evidence of our sincere appreciation and  
59 high regard.