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HJR\_\_\_ HONORING WOODIE PUGH FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride and appreciation that we recognize Woodie Pugh, a consummate public servant whose dedication to education and public service has positively impacted Clarke County, the State of Alabama, and beyond for over five decades; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, his influence extended beyond administrative



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29 roles, as he was a committed mentor and leader in Future  
30 Farmers of America and a presenter for the Alabama Global  
31 Vision in 1997; and

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

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

41 WHEREAS, he has exemplified strong leadership in  
42 civic and fraternal organizations, serving as Masonic Grand  
43 District Deputy for Clarke, Monroe, and Wilcox Counties from  
44 2007 to 2015, a member of Abraham Consistory 257, Valley of  
45 Demopolis, and holding the esteemed positions of Most Wise  
46 from 2016 to 2024 and Commander in Chief of Abraham 257 as  
47 of December 2024; and

48 WHEREAS, his commitment to service extends to his  
49 past roles as Past Worshipful Master, Past Vice President of  
50 Men Making a Difference Social and Saving Club, and a  
51 devoted member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated;  
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53 WHEREAS, a proud native of Coffeetown, Alabama, he  
54 is the son of the late Mr. Woodie and Mrs. Viola Pugh, and  
55 the proud father of two daughters, Stacey and Kim, as well  
56 as a cherished grandfather to three grandchildren, Jaison,



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57 Jaden, and Jordan; and

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

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

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

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