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HR___ 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;
52 and

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
68 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That highest commendation and
69 deepest gratitude are expressed to Woodie Pugh for his
70 exemplary service and outstanding contributions to the State
71 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.