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COMMENDING DR. WILLIAM F. PICKARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in extending highest commendation and honor to Dr. William F. Pickard for his outstanding record of professional achievement in an entrepreneurial career that spans over 45 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pickard obtained a Bachelor's Degree from Western Michigan University, a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan, and a Doctor of Philosophy from The Ohio Sate University; he is a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pickard is Chairperson of Global
Automotive Alliance, Chief Executive Officer of Bearwood
Management Company, and Co-owner of five black-owned
newspapers; since its founding in 1989 and under Dr. Pickard's
expert leadership, Global Automotive Alliance has generated
more than \$5 billion in sales with eight plants in the United
States and Canada, and service corporations such as Boeing,
Mercedes Benz, Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, Delphi, Johnson
Controls, Starbucks, Home Depot, and Merck Pharmaceutical; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional responsibilities, Dr. Pickard is devoted to giving back,

1	serving on numerous business and nonprofit boards including
2	Asset Acceptance Capital Corporation, Michigan National Bank,
3	LaSalle Bank, Business Leaders for Michigan, National Urban
4	League, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Detroit Black Chamber
5	of Commerce; in 2001, Dr. Pickard was awarded Michiganian of
6	the Year for his business success, civic leadership, and
7	philanthropy; in 1982, appointed by President Ronald Reagan,
8	he was the first Chairperson of the African Development
9	Foundation; in 1990, under President George Bush's leadership,
10	he was appointed to The National Advisory Committee on Trade
11	Policy Negotiations and in 1991, the Federal Home Loan Bank
12	Board-Indianapolis Bank in Indiana; Dr. Pickard has donated
13	over \$1 million to the National Museum of African American
14	History and Culture in Washington, D.C.; additionally, he has
15	donated over \$3 million to Western Michigan University; the
16	William F. Pickard Living Center at Grand Valley State
17	University is named in his honor; and
18	WHEREAS, creating and inspiring a new generation of

WHEREAS, creating and inspiring a new generation of entrepreneurs, Dr. Pickard has authored a book, Millionaire Moves, sharing his seven proven and undeniable principles anyone can use and apply to become successful; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pickard demonstrates strong leadership, management, and enterprising skills; he inspires confidence and credibility throughout business sectors; Dr. Pickard has earned widespread respect for his extraordinary business

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L	acumen and his commitment; his valuable contributions are
2	far-reaching and innumerable; now therefore,
3	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
1	HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. William F. Pickard is
5	commended for his exemplary professional achievement, and this
5	resolution is offered in highest tribute to him along with
7	best wishes for all future endeavors.

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4		Speaker of the House of Representatives	
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