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3       By Representative McCampbell  
4       RFD:  
5       First Read: 28-OCT-21

COMMENDING PASTOR JAMES M. WOODS, SR. FOR  
PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, it is an honor to extend highest  
commendations to Pastor James M. Woods, Sr. for his many years  
of professional achievements; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Woods was born in 1973 to a single  
mother, Pinkie Morrow; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Demopolis, Alabama,  
Pastor Woods graduated from Demopolis High School in 1994; as  
a young man, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served  
two years of active duty service and six years as an active  
reserve; he was honorably discharged and then moved back home  
to Demopolis; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Woods married his high school  
sweetheart, Youlanda Russell, on August 3, 1996; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 17, Pastor Woods accepted  
Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at a revival service held  
by Pastor Randy Bowden and became an active member of Hopewell  
Baptist Church in Demopolis, under the leadership of Pastor

1 Willis Hurns; under the direction, training, and watchful eye  
2 of Pastor Hurns, Pastor Woods became a Deacon and served  
3 faithfully for years under both Pastor Hurns and Pastor Marvin  
4 Johnson; at the age of 30, Pastor Woods accepted his call into  
5 the ministry under the leadership of Pastor Harry Gator at  
6 Hopewell Baptist Church; at the age of 33, Pastor Woods began  
7 his pastoral career at Hopewell Baptist Church; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2011, the Lord blessed Pastor Woods and  
9 his wife by giving them the vision for a fresh new ministry in  
10 Demopolis, Life of Abundance Family Worship Center; through  
11 careful prayer, thought, and direction of the Lord, Pastor  
12 Woods placed himself and the ministry of Life of Abundance  
13 Family Worship Center under the leadership of his spiritual  
14 father, Bishop Effell Williams, Sr., who is the founder and  
15 Pastor of Tabernacle of Praise in Selma, Alabama, and is the  
16 founder of the Alabama/Mississippi Fellowship of Churches;  
17 Pastor Woods has selflessly given many people the opportunity  
18 to serve in leadership; for the past decade, Life of Abundance  
19 Family Worship Center has touched and effectively changed the  
20 lives of countless people for the glory of God; and

21 WHEREAS, in July 2021, Pastor Woods, in obedience to  
22 God's Word, answered the call to become the Senior Pastor at  
23 St. Paul Baptist Church, Inc. in Demopolis, where he continues  
24 to serve with diligence and grace; his future plans are to  
25 enroll at Liberty University's Wilmington School of the Bible  
26 and focus on Biblical Studies; and

1               WHEREAS, Pastor Woods and his wife are the proud  
2               parents of four beautiful children, Brianna, James, Jr.,  
3               Jordan, and Zion; and also the parents and guardians of their  
4               amazing nieces and nephews, Cody Hinton, Leah Hinton, and  
5               Autumn Walker; and

6               WHEREAS, a man of steadfast faith in God who is  
7               passionate about serving others, Pastor Woods is a blessing in  
8               the lives of many as an inspirational leader and friend; now  
9               therefore,

10              BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
11              THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Pastor James M. Woods, Sr. is  
12              highly commended for his many years of professional  
13              achievements, and we hereby dedicate this resolution to him  
14              with heartiest gratitude and admiration, along with sincere  
15              best wishes for continued happiness and success in all future  
16              endeavors.