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3 By Representative McCampbell
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8 COMMENDING PASTOR JAMES M. WOODS, SR. FOR
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, at the age of 17, Pastor Woods accepted
25 Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at a revival service held
26 by Pastor Randy Bowden and became an active member of Hopewell
27 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.