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3 By Representative Warren
4 RFD: RULES
5 First Read: 09-Apr-24



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

2 COMMENDING DR. CYNTHIA SELLERS-SIMON FOR HER
3 EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY.

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5 WHEREAS, with pride and pleasure, commendations are
6 posthumously extended to Dr. Cynthia Sellers-Simon for her
7 exceptional service to Tuskegee University; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Cynthia Sellers-Simon, a native of
9 Elba, Alabama, was groomed by her parents, the late Mr. Ben
10 Daniels and the late Mrs. Onnie Bell Daniels, to live a life
11 of exemplary service to humankind; after graduating from
12 Elba High School, Dr. Sellers-Simon prepared well for this
13 pathway in life by first achieving the Bachelor of Science
14 Degree in Social Studies Education from Tuskegee University;
15 subsequent to receiving the Master of Education Degree in
16 Student Personnel Services and Counseling from Tuskegee
17 University, she pursued and was awarded the Doctor of
18 Philosophy Degree in Higher Education Administration, with a
19 concentration in management, from Georgia State University;
20 Dr. Sellers-Simon also completed postdoctoral work at
21 Harvard University; and

22 WHEREAS, with this breadth of educational
23 preparedness, Dr. Sellers-Simon commenced a lifetime career
24 as a higher education administrator; in several leadership
25 roles she made and left indelible footprints in the hearts
26 and minds of her colleagues and students at Fort Valley
27 State University, Hampton University, Tuskegee University,
28 and Allen University; as Vice President of Student Affairs



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29 at Fort Valley State, Tuskegee, and Allen Universities, she
30 molded and directed many students' lives; she broadened
31 institutional outreach to diverse external communities as
32 Assistant to the President at Hampton and Fort Valley State
33 Universities; additionally, Dr. Sellers-Simon found the time
34 to teach courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels;
35 her refereed journal publications and professional
36 presentations at local, state, and national conferences
37 focused on student orientation and success, counseling and
38 career development, student learning, and student leadership
39 development; she secured scholarships and external funding
40 to implement innovative student programs and services; and

41 WHEREAS, globally, Dr. Sellers-Simon attended
42 seminars and participated in executive leadership training
43 and professional development programs in Senegal, Ghana,
44 Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Brazil, and England; in the
45 local communities where she lived, she was an active member
46 of the NAACP, Alumnae Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta
47 Sorority, Incorporated, and The Links, Incorporated; in her
48 leisure time, she loved to travel and read and also try new
49 adventures like white water rafting and snow skiing; she was
50 a fun loving person who also loved to dance; and

51 WHEREAS, Dr. Cynthia Sellers-Simon was a member of
52 the Tuskegee University, formerly Tuskegee Institute, Class
53 of 1974; she served with Representative Pebblin Walker
54 Warren as the class agent until her death; she loved and was
55 committed to the university; the class will be celebrating
56 their 50th reunion at the 2024 Tuskegee University Founders



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57 Day from April 13-15, 2024; and

58 WHEREAS, Dr. Cynthia Sellers-Simon is survived by her
59 beloved husband, Mr. Patric Simon; her daughters, Latasha
60 Williams (Jason) and Kettisha Sellers (Christopher Chapman);
61 granddaughter, Kaylah Wimes; and grandsons, Javian Wimes,
62 Joshua Williams, Jordan Williams, and Caleb Chapman;
63 brother, Dandrea Daniels; and a host of other relatives and
64 friends; now therefore,

65 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
66 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dr. Cynthia Sellers-Simon is
67 highly commended for her exceptional service to Tuskegee
68 University, and this resolution is offered in tribute to her
69 life and legacy of service.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 09-Apr-24.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

16-Apr-24

Adopted