

State of Alabama
House of Representatives



MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

State Representatives Paul Lee, Donnie Chesteen, Steve Clouse
and Dexter Grimsley

hereby

HONORING THE LIFE OF AGNES DOWLING SIMPSON

WHEREAS, Agnes Dowling Simpson, the founder and president of WOOF Radio, will be remembered as a highly intelligent and very successful business lady in Dothan, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, born in Arizona in 1924, she was reared in Florida and attended The University of Alabama, where she met and married the late R.A. Dowling; and

WHEREAS, WOOF Radio, Dothan's only local family-owned and operated radio station, has been providing a voice for the Wiregrass since 1947 and, in the 1950s, WOOF had a woman general manager, which was most uncommon in that era; and

WHEREAS, Agnes Dowling Simpson, affectionately referred to as a woman in a man's world, was an integral part of the Dothan business community for more than 60 years, breaking barrier after barrier in a traditionally male-dominant world and compiling a list of impressive firsts; and

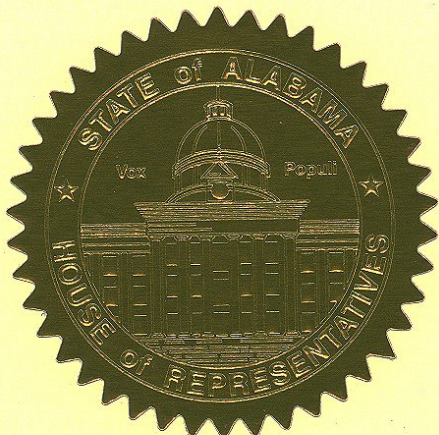
WHEREAS, she filed for the first FM stereo radio station in Dothan and was one of the first in the state to go on the air in 1964; she was the first woman elected to the Board of Directors of the Dothan-Houston County Chamber of Commerce, the first woman to join the Dothan Kiwanis Club, and the first woman to be selected Alabama Broadcaster of the Year; and

WHEREAS, she was the recipient of the Southeast Alabama Advertising Federation's first Pioneer Award in 2003 and was also the first woman to serve on the vestry and be elected by the parishioners to be Junior Warden and Senior Warden of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity; and

WHEREAS, she served with honor and distinction in the United States Navy during World War II; her community and professional contributions included past president of the Alabama Broadcasters Association as well as president and in additional leadership roles of numerous local and state boards and organizations; and

WHEREAS, among her many well-deserved recognitions, she was the Arthritis Foundation's Humanitarian of the Year in 1996, was designated a Lifetime Member of the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, and was inducted into the inaugural class of the Dothan Hall of Fame in 2011; and

THEREFORE, we most highly honor the life of Agnes Dowling Simpson and, by copy of this certificate to her family, we convey our admiration and appreciation for her outstanding accomplishments.



I hereby certify that the above certificate was issued on this the 24th day of April, 2012 at the Alabama State House in Montgomery, Alabama.


Mike Hubbard, Speaker