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3 By Representative McClammy  
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8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ERCILE JELKS.  
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10 WHEREAS, we note with deep regret the passing of  
11 Mrs. Ercile Jelks of Montgomery at the age of 77 years; and

12 WHEREAS, born January 15, 1933, to William and Lula  
13 B. Patterson, Mrs. Jelks became a Christian at an early age  
14 and dedicated much of her life to sharing her faith through  
15 service; she was a devoted member of First Baptist Church of  
16 Montgomery, where she served as a Youth Directress and  
17 Musician and on the Trustee Board, Sanctuary Choir, Matrons,  
18 and Deaconess Board; she also served as Musician with many  
19 churches, including Southlawn Baptist, Bible Missionary  
20 Baptist, and Good Samaritan; and

21 WHEREAS, following graduation as valedictorian from  
22 West Side High School in Talladega in 1951, Mrs. Jelks  
23 continued her education at Alabama State University, earning a  
24 Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, Master's  
25 degree in Elementary and Secondary Education, and Education  
26 Specialist Certification; she was awarded a Golden Diploma  
27 from Alabama State University in 2007; and

1           WHEREAS, as a classroom teacher in the Montgomery  
2 Public Schools for 43 years, Mrs. Jelks developed a reputation  
3 as one of the area's most committed and gifted educators; over  
4 her long career, she was honored with many recognitions and  
5 awards, including Elementary Teacher of the Year, Who's Who  
6 Among American Teachers, and Public Relations Mentor; and

7           WHEREAS, an active and devoted member of Delta Sigma  
8 Theta Sorority, Mrs. Jelks gave countless hours in service to  
9 that organization; her commitment was recognized with numerous  
10 honors, including Delta Great Teacher for the State of  
11 Alabama, Delta Woman of the Year, and the Fortitude Award;  
12 Mrs. Jelks was also active in the Order of the Eastern Star,  
13 Phi Kappa Delta, and the Mobile Heights Community  
14 Organization; and

15           WHEREAS, Mrs. Jelks is survived by her husband,  
16 Robert Jelks, Sr.; son, Robert Jelks, Jr.; grandson, Walter  
17 Payton; sisters, Lorraine Denson, Willie B. Bolton, Geraldine  
18 Ledford, and Regina (William) Tanner; niece, Debra (David)  
19 Armster; grandniece, Sabrina Armster; grandnephew, Eric  
20 Armster; sisters-in-law, Lillian Blakey and Anna Jefferson;  
21 and numerous other relatives and friends; and

22           WHEREAS, Mrs. Jelks' passing is a great loss to her  
23 family and members of the community who remember her for her  
24 kindness, strength, courage, hope, wisdom, and beauty; now  
25 therefore,

26           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
27 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That with appreciation and

1       gratitude, the life of Mrs. Ercile Jelks is honored in this  
2       special tribute, and by copy of this resolution, deepest  
3       condolences are extended to her family.