

1 HJR17
2 171397-1
3 By Representative Jones
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 10-AUG-15

2
3
4
5
6
7
8 HONORING MARTHA DIXON ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH
9 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

10
11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to Martha Dixon on the momentous occasion of her
13 100th Birthday Celebration; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dixon was born in 1915 to the union of
15 Robert L. and Fannie Brewer Belvin; she attended Andalusia
16 High School; at age 15, with only six credits shy of being
17 able to graduate, she left school to work for Alatex; and

18 WHEREAS, for 10 years, she worked on the
19 manufacturing line, before accepting a job at a cotton mill in
20 Columbus, Georgia; during World War II, she enlisted in the
21 WACS, where she received training for weather service and
22 served at the Pentagon; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dixon earned her high school diploma
24 and studied at Andalusia Business School; she rejoined Alatex
25 as a payroll clerk remained in employment with Alatex for 32
26 years; in 1976, she married Solon Dixon; she worked with her

1 husband to materialize his dream of preserving forest lands
2 and the Dixon homeplace, homesteaded between 1815 and 1830;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, on December 15, 1978, the Dixons presented
5 Auburn University with a deed for 80 acres and a check for
6 \$500,000 to begin the construction of the Solon Dixon Forestry
7 Education Center; the Solon and Martha Dixon Foundation was
8 established in 1981 with a focus on forestry and forestry
9 education projects; Martha has been instrumental in ensuring
10 that Solon's wishes for the foundation have been carried out;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, in 1998, Mrs. Dixon donated her 6,000
13 square foot home to the Andalusia Area Chamber of Commerce; in
14 2006, she was recognized for having given more than \$1 million
15 to the Covington County School System; she has also
16 contributed generously to the Andalusia and Opp City School
17 Systems; Mrs. Dixon served as an organizer and director of
18 SouthTrust Bank of Andalusia and as a board member of LBW
19 Community College Foundation; she is a lifetime member of the
20 Lyman Ward Military Academy Alumni Association; her husband
21 was an alum of Lyman Ward, and the Dixons have greatly
22 contributed to the school; she has the utmost distinctions of
23 being the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award and
24 President's Award from the Andalusia Area Chamber of Commerce,
25 of being selected Kiwanis Citizen of the Year, and of being a
26 director emerita of the Solon and Martha Dixon Foundation; and

1 WHEREAS, a 100th Birthday Celebration is a
2 significant milestone that represents over a century's worth
3 of wisdom earned and memories gained and is a cause for great
4 rejoicing; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Martha Dixon is highly honored
7 and commended, and this resolution is offered to her in
8 deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere best
9 wishes for continued happiness and prosperity.