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3 By Senators Smitherman, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,  
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn,  
5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston,  
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders,  
7 Sanford, Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Stutts,  
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams  
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10 First Read: 11-FEB-16

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4 ENROLLED, SJR17,

5 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. MARY ELLA  
6 WALKER PROFFITT.

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8 WHEREAS, with utmost reverence and respect, we  
9 uplift the life and legacy of Mrs. Mary Ella Walker Proffitt,  
10 who passed away February 7, 2016, at 92 years of age; and

11 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Mary Ella Walker  
12 Proffitt leaves a void in the lives of her loving family, many  
13 friends, and the entire community, where she was highly  
14 regarded; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Proffitt was the affectionate mother  
16 of our good friend and colleague, Senator Priscilla Dunn; she  
17 touched countless lives with her generous heart and loving  
18 spirit and truly was a blessing and an inspiration to her  
19 family and friends; a woman of tremendous faith, she attended  
20 Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church, where she served in  
21 numerous ministries; and

22 WHEREAS, born December 8, 1923, Mrs. Proffitt,  
23 graduated from Dunbar High School in Bessemer, Alabama; she  
24 was employed in various careers throughout her life; she was a  
25 member of the Trojanettes Federated Club and worked with the

1 Junior Trojanettes, teaching them invaluable lessons about  
2 life and Christianity; attending the local, state and national  
3 church conventions was dear to her heart, and she enjoyed  
4 sharing much with her church family; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Proffitt's beautiful life will forever  
6 be cherished in the memories of her husband, Johnnie A.  
7 Proffitt; daughter, Priscilla Dunn (Grover); stepchildren,  
8 Herman Lumzy (Carolyn) and Loretta Scott; granddaughter, Karen  
9 Dunn Burks (Eric); step-grandchildren, Herman Lumzy, Jr.,  
10 Mario Lumzy, Tameeka Lumzy Todd, Curtis Scott, Jr., Derek  
11 Lamont Scott, and Eric Tyrone Scott; great-grandchildren,  
12 Grover Blake Burks and Frederick Brock Burks; nephew, Curtis  
13 Lee Parker (Vinnie); and a host of other relatives and  
14 friends; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Proffitt was a valued member of  
16 society; although her presence is greatly missed, her memory  
17 lives on in the hearts and minds of all those who were  
18 fortunate enough to know her; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of  
21 Mrs. Mary Ella Walker Proffitt, we are extremely grateful for  
22 her abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest  
23 tribute to her legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to her  
24 family and friends.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
Adopted: 16-FEB-16

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By: Senator Smitherman