

1 SJR17  
2 173918-1  
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  
9 RFD:  
10 First Read: 11-FEB-16

2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. MARY ELLA  
9 WALKER PROFFITT.

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, born December 8, 1923, Mrs. Proffitt,  
26 graduated from Dunbar High School in Bessemer, Alabama; she  
27 was employed in various careers throughout her life; she was a

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

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

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

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