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2 MDQ31HW-2
3 By Representative Mooney
4 RFD: RULES
5 First Read: 04-Feb-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 HJR___ COMMENDING MARY SANDERS WARD FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO
4 THE ALABAMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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6 WHEREAS, it is with profound gratitude that the
7 Alabama House of Representatives and its staff congratulate
8 Mary Sanders Ward after 63 years of devoted service to the
9 Legislature and the people of this great state; and

10 WHEREAS, a native of Tallassee, Alabama, Mary began
11 her many years of public service on June 7, 1961, with the
12 Alabama Highway Department; thereafter, she served in
13 various capacities with the Alabama Public Service
14 Commission and the Department of Conservation and Natural
15 Resources; and

16 WHEREAS, she began her career with the Legislature
17 when she was appointed to work in the House of
18 Representatives by Speaker Jimmy Clark on March 31, 1987;
19 she transitioned to working as a Front Desk Supervisor in
20 1994 and was promoted to Supervisor of the House Journal
21 Room on October 1, 1997; and

22 WHEREAS, since becoming supervisor of the House
23 Journal Room, she has been responsible for ensuring that the
24 Journal of the House is an accurate account of the actions
25 taken on the floor each session; she has served an
26 astounding 82 legislative sessions; and

27 WHEREAS, the Journal of the House is the sole legally
28 recognized document that can be used in a court of law



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29 whenever there are questions regarding actions taken on the
30 floor of the House; it is of vital importance that it be
31 assembled and published without error; she would work day
32 and night and on weekends to ensure that every task related
33 to the production of the Journal was completed to
34 perfection; and

35 WHEREAS, capitalizing on her industriousness and her
36 unflinching work ethic, Mary played an important role in
37 developing the early computer systems and worked with
38 developers tirelessly on the ALIS system which was used by
39 the Legislature for over 25 years; most notably, her ability
40 to quickly and expertly create macros enhanced employee's
41 ability to perform their jobs more effectively; her computer
42 savviness continued to serve her well as she spearheaded
43 efforts to develop and implement LINX, the new legislative
44 computer system; and

45 WHEREAS, she has had a front-row seat to many
46 historical moments in the Alabama House Chamber; her
47 expertise, legislative procedural knowledge, and rapport
48 with the members of the House of Representatives has served
49 as a catalyst for her successful career and positive impact
50 on the legislative process; she immensely enjoyed assisting
51 others with problems and tasks, and she was truly at her
52 best when she was helping others; and

53 WHEREAS, a loving dog owner, she has engaged in
54 numerous humanitarian efforts to improve the lives of pets
55 in the Montgomery area; most recently, she daringly rescued
56 a kitten from the car engine of a colleague in the State



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57 House parking lot; a coffee connoisseur and purveyor of
58 unique foods and beverages, Mary was always willing to share
59 with her colleagues; to the surprise of many, Mary continues
60 to love mastering video games, such as Legend of Zelda;
61 demonstrating an unrivaled green thumb, she also capitalizes
62 on every moment to work with plants and flowers in her yard;
63 and

64 WHEREAS, following her retirement, we know that she
65 will continue to enjoy spending time with her pets; her
66 daughter, Renee; her granddaughters, Gracie and Chloe, along
67 with their husbands; and working in her yard; now therefore,

68 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
69 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mary Sanders Ward be highly
70 commended for her 63 years of service and dedication not
71 only to this body and its members, but also to the people of
72 the Great State of Alabama, and that we wish her a long and
73 enjoyable retirement.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 04-Feb-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

12-Feb-25

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