

# **SJR15 ENROLLED**



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3 By Senators Allen, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley, Bell, Butler,  
4 Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman, Coleman-Madison,  
5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Hovey, Jones,  
6 Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts,  
7 Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart, Stutts,  
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Williams, Woods

9 RFD: Rules

10 First Read: 20-Jan-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR\_\_\_\_ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MARY  
5 ANN PEAK PHELPS.  
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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
8 death on August 15, 2025, of Mary Ann Peak Phelps of  
9 Tuscaloosa, Alabama, at the age of 93; her passing leaves a  
10 void in the lives of her loving family, many friends, and  
11 the Tuscaloosa community where she was highly regarded; and

12 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Phelps was a steadfast leader of  
13 Tuscaloosa's civic life for generations; she is remembered  
14 as a difference-maker who saw the positive possibilities of  
15 investing her time, talent, and treasure into Tuscaloosa,  
16 and her legacy will live on for many years to come; and

17 WHEREAS, a Eufaula native, Mary Ann Phelps graduated  
18 from high school in 1949; she earned her Bachelor of Science  
19 from Auburn University, where she pledged Chi Omega; as a  
20 Chi Omega alumna, she spent nearly 18 years as a Nu Beta  
21 chapter adviser at The University of Alabama; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1956, Mary Ann Phelps moved to Tuscaloosa  
23 to teach math and science in Tuscaloosa City and Walker  
24 County Schools; her husband, Sam, attended law school and  
25 practiced law for 45 years; together, they built a loving  
26 home and tirelessly dedicated themselves to serving the  
27 community that they both grew to love; and

28 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Phelps' dedication and devotion to



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29 matters of civic importance to Tuscaloosa left a lasting  
30 mark on the community; the breadth and scope of her  
31 interests and efforts were remarkable; her legacy includes  
32 her tangible impact on the YMCA; Junior League; Chamber of  
33 Commerce of West Alabama; Girl Scouts; Boy Scouts; the  
34 League of Women Voters; Tuscaloosa Riverwalk Committee; West  
35 Alabama Rehabilitation Center; Hospice of West Alabama,  
36 where she was a founding member; and numerous other  
37 organizations; and

38 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Phelps was most proud of her 27  
39 years on the Tuscaloosa County Parks and Recreation  
40 Authority (TCPARA) board and its Foundation, including  
41 serving as chair; her work at TCPARA resulted in the Mary  
42 Ann Phelps Activity Center being named for her in 2002; and

43 WHEREAS, she had a heart for health organizations and  
44 served on many health-related committees, boards, and  
45 foundations; as a DCH Foundation board member, she  
46 co-chaired the capital campaign to fund the construction of  
47 the \$39 million Manderson Cancer Treatment Center which  
48 opened at DCH in 2009; and

49 WHEREAS, her endeavors in seeking the best for the  
50 community resulted in bringing people together to set and  
51 achieve visions for a better Tuscaloosa, and she was  
52 recognized by numerous grateful organizations; among her  
53 many accolades, she was honored as Tuscaloosa Civitan Club's  
54 Citizen of the Year, United Way Volunteer of the Year, with  
55 the Tuscaloosa Firefighters Good Samaritan Award, and in  
56 2011, she received the Pillar of the Community Award; and



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57           WHEREAS, Mary Ann Phelps found joy spending time with  
58 her grandchildren and being involved in their lives; she was  
59 immensely proud of each of them; she loved playing bridge  
60 with her close friends; she was known for her love of all  
61 animals, especially dogs, and she was an accomplished cook  
62 who enjoyed hosting and cooking for family and friends; one  
63 of her favorite things was knitting or doing needlepoint as  
64 she sat by a cozy fire with her dogs; and

65           WHEREAS, Mary Ann Phelps is preceded in death by her  
66 husband of 58 years, Sam Moore Phelps; and her parents, Mary  
67 and Floyd Peak; and

68           WHEREAS, she is survived by her son, Scott Phelps  
69 (Carroll); grandchildren, Sam Taylor Phelps (Lauren), Ann  
70 Phelps Hill (Rudy), and Paul Chandler Phelps;  
71 great-grandchildren, Martha McRae Hill, Sam Moore Phelps  
72 III, Lucile Mae Hill, Wilkerson Scott Phelps, and Emmie  
73 Elizabeth Hill; brother, Al Peak; sister, Martha Grant; and  
74 many other loving extended family members and friends; and

75           WHEREAS, Mary Ann Phelps gave freely of her time and  
76 efforts and changed the very fabric of the community over  
77 her long and distinguished career as a volunteer leader in  
78 Tuscaloosa County, and her presence will be greatly missed;  
79 her memory will surely be cherished in the hearts of all who  
80 were blessed to know her; now therefore,

81           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
82 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mary Ann Peak  
83 Phelps is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is  
84 offered in tribute to her life and service to others, along



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85     with heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared  
86     by many.



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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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Senate 20-Jan-26

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and  
passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

Passed: 29-Jan-26

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By: Senator Allen