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3 By Representative McClammy  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 13-APR-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ERCILE JELKS.  
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5 WHEREAS, we note with deep regret the passing of  
6 Mrs. Ercile Jelks of Montgomery at the age of 77 years; and

7 WHEREAS, born January 15, 1933, to William and Lula  
8 B. Patterson, Mrs. Jelks became a Christian at an early age  
9 and dedicated much of her life to sharing her faith through  
10 service; she was a devoted member of First Baptist Church of  
11 Montgomery, where she served as a Youth Directress and  
12 Musician and on the Trustee Board, Sanctuary Choir, Matrons,  
13 and Deaconess Board; she also served as Musician with many  
14 churches, including Southlawn Baptist, Bible Missionary  
15 Baptist, and Good Samaritan; and

16 WHEREAS, following graduation as valedictorian from  
17 West Side High School in Talladega in 1951, Mrs. Jelks  
18 continued her education at Alabama State University, earning a  
19 Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, Master's  
20 degree in Elementary and Secondary Education, and Education  
21 Specialist Certification; she was awarded a Golden Diploma  
22 from Alabama State University in 2007; and

23 WHEREAS, as a classroom teacher in the Montgomery  
24 Public Schools for 43 years, Mrs. Jelks developed a reputation  
25 as one of the area's most committed and gifted educators; over

1 her long career, she was honored with many recognitions and  
2 awards, including Elementary Teacher of the Year, Who's Who  
3 Among American Teachers, and Public Relations Mentor; and

4 WHEREAS, an active and devoted member of Delta Sigma  
5 Theta Sorority, Mrs. Jelks gave countless hours in service to  
6 that organization; her commitment was recognized with numerous  
7 honors, including Delta Great Teacher for the State of  
8 Alabama, Delta Woman of the Year, and the Fortitude Award;  
9 Mrs. Jelks was also active in the Order of the Eastern Star,  
10 Phi Kappa Delta, and the Mobile Heights Community  
11 Organization; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jelks is survived by her husband,  
13 Robert Jelks, Sr.; son, Robert Jelks, Jr.; grandson, Walter  
14 Payton; sisters, Lorraine Denson, Willie B. Bolton, Geraldine  
15 Ledford, and Regina (William) Tanner; niece, Debra (David)  
16 Armster; grandniece, Sabrina Armster; grandnephew, Eric  
17 Armster; sisters-in-law, Lillian Blakey and Anna Jefferson;  
18 and numerous other relatives and friends; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jelks' passing is a great loss to her  
20 family and members of the community who remember her for her  
21 kindness, strength, courage, hope, wisdom, and beauty; now  
22 therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That with appreciation and  
25 gratitude, the life of Mrs. Ercile Jelks is honored in this

1 special tribute, and by copy of this resolution, deepest  
2 condolences are extended to her family.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 14-APR-10.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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Senate

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