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8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ERCILE JELKS.
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10 WHEREAS, we note with deep regret the passing of
11 Mrs. Ercile Jelks of Montgomery at the age of 77 years; and

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

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

1 WHEREAS, as a classroom teacher in the Montgomery
2 Public Schools for 43 years, Mrs. Jelks developed a reputation
3 as one of the area's most committed and gifted educators; over
4 her long career, she was honored with many recognitions and
5 awards, including Elementary Teacher of the Year, Who's Who
6 Among American Teachers, and Public Relations Mentor; and

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

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

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

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That with appreciation and

1 gratitude, the life of Mrs. Ercile Jelks is honored in this
2 special tribute, and by copy of this resolution, deepest
3 condolences are extended to her family.