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- 2 By Senators Allen, Singleton, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley,
- 3 Bell, Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman,
- 4 Coleman-Madison, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher,
- 5 Hovey, Jones, Kelley, Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed,
- 6 Roberts, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Smitherman, Stewart,
- 7 Stutts, Waggoner, Weaver, Williams
- 8 RFD: RULES
- 9 First Read: 18-Apr-23

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- 1 <u>Enrolled</u>, An Act,
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4 SJR CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MRS. BETTY BAILEY SHIRLEY.

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- 6 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
- 7 death on April 6, 2023, of beloved mental health advocate,
- 8 Mrs. Betty Bailey Shirley, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, at the
- 9 age of 95; and
- 10 WHEREAS, her passing leaves a void in the lives of
- 11 her loving family, many friends, and the entire community,
- 12 where she was highly regarded; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shirley was born on November 7, 1927,
- 14 in Montgomery, Alabama, to Evelyn Parker Bailey and George
- 15 Forrest Bailey, Sr.; and
- 16 WHEREAS, upon graduating from The University of
- 17 Alabama, where she was a devoted member of Kappa Delta
- 18 Sorority, Mrs. Shirley dedicated her life to service and
- 19 addressing mental health at the community level; she found a
- 20 heart for service because of her late grandson, Walt Gary,
- 21 who inspired her to advocate for children with disabilities,
- 22 especially through the RISE Center and The University of
- 23 Alabama CrossingPoints Program; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shirley helped move RISE from an older
- 25 facility to the Stallings Center, which prompted the program

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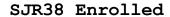


26 to raise more than \$3 million in her honor for an endowment 27 fund, the Betty Shirley Tree of Life; was a lifetime member 28 of the Board of Directors of the Mental Health Association 29 of Tuscaloosa County; and served as a member of the DCH Foundation Ball when its proceeds were used for a 30 31 psychiatric unit at DCH Regional Medical Center; and 32 WHEREAS, in 1991, Mrs. Shirley was appointed by President George W. Bush as one of his One-Thousand Points 33 of Light, a distinction given to citizens working to better 34 35 their communities through volunteer work; in 2002, as a 36 result of Mrs. Shirley's impactful work, the psychiatry clinic at The University of Alabama's Capstone Medical 37 38 Center was named the Betty Shirley Clinic for Psychiatry and 39 Behavioral Medicine; and WHEREAS, Mrs. Shirley spent her early life as an 40 41 active member of the United Methodist Church and later 42 joined her family at Christ Episcopal Church; and 43 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Sidney Shirley; grandson; parents; and siblings, 44 45 Evelyn Sledge Britton, Frances Sledge Nicrosi, and George 46 Forrest Bailey, Jr.; and WHEREAS, Mrs. Shirley is survived by her daughters, 47 Betsy Shirley Gary (Walter), Allison Shirley Pritchard 48 (Billy), and Evelyn Shirley Pritchard (Ross); grandchildren, 49 50 Allison Gary Drake (Zack), Ann Bailey Pritchard White,



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51	Shelton Pritchard Kitchen (Drew), Billy Pritchard IV
52	(Louise), Mary Evelyn Pritchard (Ryan), and Ross Pritchard
53	III; seven great-grandchildren; and a host of other family
54	members and friends; and
55	WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly
56	missed, the memory of Mrs. Shirley will be cherished in the
57	hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,
58	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
59	HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of beloved mental
60	health advocate, Mrs. Betty Bailey Shirley, is recorded with
61	deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to
62	her life, along with heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose
63	grief is shared by many.





President and Presiding Officer of the Senate Speaker of the House of Representatives SJR38 Senate 18-Apr-23 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate. Patrick Harris, Secretary. House of Representatives Passed: 20-Apr-23 By: Senator Allen