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3 By Representatives Clarke, Drummond, Buskey and Bracy  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. LUBERTA WESTRY PORTIS.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
11 death on January 20, 2018, of Mrs. Luberta Westry "Candy"  
12 Portis of Mobile, Alabama, at the age of 82 years; and

13 WHEREAS, her passing leaves a void in the lives of  
14 her loving family, many friends, and the entire community,  
15 where she was highly regarded; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Portis was born on July 23, 1935, to  
17 Willie Gray Adams and Samuel Thomas Westry in Prichard,  
18 Alabama; and

19 WHEREAS, she graduated with honors from Mobile  
20 County Training School; earned her Bachelor of Science Degree  
21 and Master's Degree in Education from Alabama State  
22 University; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Portis taught in the Mobile Public  
24 School System beginning in 1954 at St. Elmo High School and  
25 retiring in 1991 from Vigor High School where she served as  
26 Junior Class Advisor and Social Studies Department Chair; and

1           WHEREAS, she was the first Black chairwoman of the  
2 Prichard Planning Commission and served on the board of Keep  
3 Mobile Beautiful; she was a delegate to the Peace and Justice  
4 Commission, member of the Mobile County Democratic Executive  
5 Committee, and affiliated with many other organizations; and

6           WHEREAS, Mrs. Portis was a Golden Life member of the  
7 Mobile Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta; she served as its  
8 11th President, and was named the chapter's 1982 "Delta of the  
9 Year"; and

10           WHEREAS, she was a member of St. James Major  
11 Catholic Church, where she served as Eucharistic Minister,  
12 Lector, "Fall Festival Banker", Parish Council member and  
13 parish school volunteer; and

14           WHEREAS, her professional and civic involvement  
15 included member of the National Black Catholic Congress  
16 Leadership Team, charter member of the Knights of Peter  
17 Claver, Ladies Auxiliary Court #172 for more than 40 years;  
18 she was the Court's first president and served in that  
19 capacity for 10 years; and

20           WHEREAS, Mrs. Portis was honored as Gulf Coast  
21 Claver Woman of the Year and was also a charter member of the  
22 Katherine Drexel Society's Prichard Chapter; and

23           WHEREAS, survivors include her beloved husband of 60  
24 years, Lee E. Portis; daughters, Nicale Portis Jackson  
25 (Ronald), and Nuntiata Portis-Buck (Gregory); grandchildren,  
26 Candace Portis, Gregory O. Buck II, and Ariana Buck; brother,  
27 Milton Clovis Hunter; and a host of family and friends; and

1                   WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly  
2 missed, the memory of Mrs. Portis will be cherished in the  
3 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

4                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
5 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Luberta  
6 Westry Portis is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
7 resolution is offered in tribute to her life and with  
8 heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by  
9 many.