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3 By Representative Vance
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. MARY ROSE WILSON.
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10 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
11 receive news of the death of Mrs. Mary Rose "Dolly" Wilson of
12 Phenix City, Alabama, on February 27, 2012, at the age of 86
13 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilson was a former Russell County
15 Commissioner and was greatly admired as a dynamic political
16 figure whose leadership was occasionally accompanied by lively
17 antics but was always defined by her pervasive compassion for
18 those in need; and

19 WHEREAS, born on January 18, 1926, in Demopolis,
20 Alabama, she was the daughter of Anthony Zagar and Rose Ruzic
21 Zagar and was a 1943 graduate of Central High School; she was
22 a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Blessed Virgin
23 Mary Sodality; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1976, she became the first woman in the
25 State of Alabama to be elected to a county commission seat,
26 and she faithfully served the people of Russell County for 24

1 years, often campaigning with the slogan, "Vote Dolly, By
2 Golly"; and

3 WHEREAS, she was also active in numerous social,
4 civic, and charitable organizations, including the Russell
5 County Chapters of the American Cancer Society, American Heart
6 Association, and March of Dimes; she was a charter member of
7 the Phenix City Women's Civic Club, the Phenix City Moose
8 Lodge, and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilson was a dedicated advocate for
10 children and senior citizens and fought for better health care
11 for the underprivileged; one of her greatest accomplishments
12 was the construction of a new Russell County Health Department
13 facility, enabling all citizens to have access to basic health
14 care needs; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to her many community
16 contributions, she loved to dance and play the harmonica and
17 will be remembered for her sense of humor; she loved
18 unconditionally and was always there for her family and
19 friends; and

20 WHEREAS, she was predeceased by her husband of 53
21 years, Woodrow "Skeet" Wilson, and her sister, Agnes Miller;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, survivors include her daughter, Donna
24 Wilson (Tommy) Worthy; sons, Darrell (Mo) Wilson and Dana
25 (Patty) Wilson; brother, Edward (Leslie) Zagar; five
26 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilson was a valued member of the
2 community; although her presence will be greatly missed, her
3 memory will be forever treasured in the hearts and minds of
4 those who were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
6 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Mary Rose
7 Wilson is recorded with deep sadness and, by copy of this
8 resolution, we extend heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose
9 grief is shared by many.