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3       By Representative Hall  
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5       First Read: 19-MAY-15

8 COMMENDING LAURA B. CLIFT FOR OUTSTANDING  
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.  
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11 WHEREAS, in a desire to acknowledge and commend  
12 exceptional Alabamians, it is with great pleasure that Mrs.  
13 Laura B. Clift is recognized for her outstanding professional  
14 achievements in the field of education; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Clift was born in Huntsville, Alabama,  
16 and graduated from William Hooper Councill High School, where  
17 she met her late husband, Gene Arnold Clift; in the Lakeside  
18 United Methodist Church, Mrs. Clift is a soprano soloist in  
19 the church sanctuary choir and has held numerous positions in  
20 the church; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Clift received a Bachelor of Science  
22 degree and a Master of Science degree from Alabama A and M  
23 University and began her career teaching fourth grade at  
24 Councill Training School; she later taught at Farmer's Capital  
25 Junior High in Meridianville; she became the first  
26 African-American guidance counselor at Huntsville High School

1 and then moved to the Huntsville City Schools Administrative  
2 Office as the drug education coordinator; and

3 WHEREAS, embracing her love for educating young  
4 people, Mrs. Clift accepted a position as the first female  
5 Assistance Principal at Ed White Middle School and remained  
6 there until her retirement in 2004; not one to take retirement  
7 sitting down, she devoted her afternoons to tutoring students  
8 at Bo Matthews Center for Excellence and later, the Northwest  
9 Community Learning Center; and

10 WHEREAS, her multiple affiliations over the years  
11 include serving as a board member with Girls Incorporated of  
12 Huntsville; Huntsville-Madison County AIDS Board of the  
13 Madison County Health Department; Parent Education Instructor  
14 at Drake Towers for Residents of Councill Courts; Parent  
15 Education Coordinator at Oscar Mason Center; a member of the  
16 Drug Education Task Force of the Coalition on At-Risk Minority  
17 Males; and several other interagency commissions; and she is a  
18 life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, where  
19 she has held almost every elected office and chaired numerous  
20 standing and ad hoc committees; and

21 WHEREAS, in addition to her commitment and  
22 contributions to education, Mrs. Clift is the mother of Sheila  
23 Carol, who is married to Dale W. Baxter, and the grandmother  
24 of Megahan Dominique and Raven Shedale Baxter; and

25 WHEREAS, the contributions made by Mrs. Laura B.  
26 Clift to the youth of today through her tireless efforts are  
27 invaluable; she has succeeded in compiling an impressive

1 record of service and achievements, a record that has earned  
2 for her the admiration and respect of those persons who have  
3 had the privilege of associating with her; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
5 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That it is a unique privilege to  
6 honor Mrs. Laura B. Clift for professional achievement in her  
7 exceptional contributions to education, and by copy of this  
8 resolution we convey our esteem and gratitude along with best  
9 wishes in all her future endeavors.