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TO: President Randall Dueitt, Mobile County Commission

Mayor Sandy Stimpson, City of Mobile

FROM: Governor Kay Ivey

DATE: Tuesday, April 15, 2025

RE: Flags Lowered Honoring Former State Representative Mary Stephens Zoghby

I hereby authorize flags be flown at half-staff all day on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, on the grounds of the Alabama State Capitol Complex in Montgomery, and in the City of Mobile and throughout Mobile County to honor the life and service of former State Representative Mary Stephens Zoghby, who passed away at the age of 86 on April 12, 2025.

Born Mary Elizabeth Stephens in Gulfport, Mississippi, in 1938, she and her future husband, Mitchell P. Zoghby, raised their family in Mobile. She later attended the University of South Alabama and pursued a career as an advertising executive. An active supporter of many local charitable organizations, Mary Zoghby soon turned her interest to public service in 1978. After gaining a seat on the Alabama Democratic Executive Committee, she ran successfully for the Alabama House of Representatives. She served four full terms in the State House from 1978 to 1994. During her tenure, she was a recognized champion for her Mobile County district. Among her many accomplishments, she successfully directed passage of the "Zoghby Act" to restructure Mobile's city government. After her career in public office, Mary Zoghby led the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama for another two decades. Widely respected by her peers for her dedication to local charities, she was honored as First Lady of Mobile in 1986, and Mobilian of the Year in 1996. Her service to her constituents and her community will be long remembered.

The flags on the grounds of the State Capitol Complex and in Mobile City and County may be flown at half-staff sunrise through sundown, Wednesday, April 16, 2025, the day of Rep. Mary Zoghby's interment.

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