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### **Governor Riley Appoints Arlene Mitchell to the University of South Alabama Board of Trustees**

MONTGOMERY--Governor Bob Riley has appointed Arlene Mitchell, of Mobile, to the University of South Alabama Board of Trustees. Mrs. Mitchell is filling the vacancy created by the death of her husband, Mayer Mitchell.

"I am extremely honored and pleased to be able to appoint Arlene Mitchell to the USA Board of Trustees," said Governor Riley. "She and her late husband have been generous supporters of the University over the years. Mrs. Mitchell is one of the most civic minded individuals I know, and I have total confidence in her ability to serve the Board and the students of the University of South Alabama well."

The Mitchell family—Mayer, Arlene and Abraham Mitchell—has given more than \$36.6 million to USA, making them one of the state's largest contributors to higher education. In fact, the Mitchell family holds the distinction as having given more to a single public university than any other family in Alabama's history.

Mrs. Mitchell is involved in numerous civic activities, including serving on the Executive Committee of the Mobile Community Foundation, the Board of the Mobile Preschool for the Sensory Impaired, Spring Hill College, as well as the Senior Citizens Services of Mobile and the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Mobile. She has also previously served on the boards of organizations such as The Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind Foundation, the Allied Arts Council, and the Mobile Partnership Against Drugs.

"I am very honored to be appointed by Governor Riley," said Mrs. Mitchell. "I look forward to serving on the Board, and I hope that I can be as good a trustee as I know that my husband was."

Mrs. Mitchell is a native of Atlanta and attended the University of Pennsylvania. She was awarded a Doctor of Public Services Honorary Degree from Spring Hill College in 1995. In 1986, she was the first woman to be named Mobilian of the Year, and in 1997, the Senior Citizens Services established the Arlene F. Mitchell Philanthropy Award in her honor.

The appointment is effective immediately.

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