Jane Andrews Hinds  
Daughter of the Honorable George and Elizabeth Andrews of Alabama

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Mother’s Path to Congress: Part Two  
Jane Andrews Hinds explains how determined her mother was to safeguard funds for the congressional district. 

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So George Wallace made a statement that was in the paper that he supported Elizabeth Andrews. Red Blount said no Republican—he was head of the Republican Party—no Republican would oppose her. And then the men in the district said, “We feel that the person that is elected, to run full-time and forever and ever was important.” But as long as Mother would fill Dad’s unexpired term—and I think she explained the money situation. Dad had just obtained a lot of money for the cancer center in Alabama. Of course, it had to be named Lurleen Wallace, but Dad is the one who, who obtained it. And there were, there were people that were wonderful men, like Flood from Pennsylvania, but he was rather eccentric. A freshman could go up there and just, with an innocent remark, just irritate somebody, and they would just take the money away, and not have it go where Dad had hoped it would go. So, I think Mother did a great service to the district. And then they had time to select a candidate that would be there for several years.