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4 HR\_\_\_\_\_ CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR. LYNN CURRY FOWLER.

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6 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
7 death on May 17, 2023, of Mr. Lynn Curry Fowler of Decatur,  
8 Alabama, at the age of 90; and

9 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of  
10 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community,  
11 where he was highly regarded; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Fowler was born on September 6, 1932, in  
13 Fort Worth, Texas, to Genevieve Fowler and Lynn A. Fowler;  
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15 WHEREAS, Mr. Fowler and his family moved several  
16 times during his childhood; he attended Moultrie High School  
17 in Moultrie, Georgia, where he played numerous sports,  
18 including football, and he set passing records as the  
19 Packers' quarterback that stood for over 20 years; following  
20 high school, he attended Mercer College, now Mercer  
21 University, before transferring to Georgia Institute of  
22 Technology in Atlanta, where he graduated in 1956; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Fowler began his career at Southern Bell  
24 Telephone, now AT and T, and as he moved up the corporate  
25 ladder, he and his wife moved around Georgia with their  
26 growing family; in 1965, Southern Bell transferred Mr.  
27 Fowler and his family to Decatur, Alabama; shortly after  
28 moving, Mr. Fowler met two great leaders, Barrett Shelton,

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29 Sr. and John Caddell, who became his mentors and sparked his  
30 passion for the City of Decatur and civic causes; Mr.  
31 Fowler's contributions to his community included serving as  
32 the President of the Decatur City Council Parent Teacher  
33 Association, Decatur Junior Achievement Board of Directors,  
34 and Decatur Chamber of Commerce; a Chairman of the Decatur  
35 Planning Commission, as well as a Chairman of the Morgan  
36 County United Way, which he chaired 12 times; an elder at  
37 First Presbyterian Church; and a member of the Board of  
38 Directors of the Delano Park Foundation; and

39 WHEREAS, Mr. Fowler's greatest passion was the  
40 Decatur Kiwanis Club, where he was a member for over 50  
41 years and also served as President; through the Decatur  
42 Kiwanis Club, he discovered the Alabama Sheriff Boys Ranch;  
43 another important cause for him was local economic  
44 development, as he served on the Board of Directors of the  
45 Morgan County Economic Development Association from  
46 1978-2014, and he was Chairman of the organization for most  
47 of his tenure; furthermore, he had a desire to bring good  
48 paying jobs to Decatur, which allowed him to travel all over  
49 the United States and also to Japan on behalf of the EDA in  
50 the successful efforts to recruit Daikin Industries and  
51 Toray Carbon Fibers to build manufacturing facilities in  
52 Decatur; in 1981, Mr. Fowler and a group of community  
53 leaders founded First American Bank, and for over 15 years,  
54 the bank was a great resource for the community and was the  
55 springboard for many local business leaders; after retiring  
56 from Southern Bell Telephone, he won election as Chair of

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57 the Decatur City School Board in 1996; in 2000, he ran for  
58 Mayor of Decatur, won, and served one term; when he was not  
59 engaged in public service, he was an avid and excellent  
60 golfer, finishing runner-up at the Burningtree Country Club  
61 Championship; and

62 WHEREAS, Mr. Fowler received numerous honors and  
63 awards during his lifetime, such as the Barrett C. Shelton  
64 Freedom Award from the Spirit of America Festival; also, the  
65 Kiwanis Club named its annual service award the Lynn C.  
66 Fowler Award and gave him the first such award; the Morgan  
67 County Leadership Hall of Fame selected him as a member of  
68 the 2018 class; and the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, Decatur  
69 Rotary Club, and Decatur Jaycees bestowed awards on him as  
70 well; and

71 WHEREAS, Mr. Fowler was preceded in death by his  
72 parents; son, Christopher David Fowler; sister, Flora Jane  
73 Parker; brother, Richard Fowler; and brothers-in-law, Gene  
74 Griffin and John Parker; and he is survived by his wife of  
75 64 years, Anne Fowler; sons, Lynn E. Fowler (Candace), Brian  
76 S. Fowler (Kelli), and Michael C. Fowler; daughter,  
77 Elizabeth Anne "Bethanne Taylor"; grandchildren, Lauren  
78 Sharp Gavin (Dan), Rachael Mix (Taylor), Wilson Coe Taylor,  
79 Camden Hardwick Taylor, Harrison Ples Graham, and Spencer  
80 Webb Graham; great-grandchildren, Leona Park, Aubrey Mix,  
81 Karson Mix, and Piper Mix; and sisters, Mary Kay Griffin and  
82 Ann Miles (Herb); and

83 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
84 missed, the memory of Mr. Fowler will be cherished in the

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85       hearts of all who knew and loved him; he loved his family  
86       above all else, and the incredible legacy that he created  
87       will surely continue; now therefore,

88            BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
89       LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Lynn Curry  
90       Fowler is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is  
91       offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt  
92       sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.