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2 By Representatives Moore (P), Collins, Stadthagen
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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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the Decatur City School Board in 1996; in 2000, he ran for Mayor of Decatur, won, and served one term; when he was not engaged in public service, he was an avid and excellent golfer, finishing runner-up at the Burningtrees Country Club Championship; and

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

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

WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly 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.