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4 HR___ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GERALD
5 THOMAS SANDERS.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
8 passing of United States Army Veteran Gerald Thomas Sanders,
9 long time resident of Birmingham, Alabama, on December 13,
10 2023, at the age of 83; his departure leaves a void in the
11 lives of his loving family, many friends, and his community,
12 where he was highly regarded; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders was born on March 9, 1940, in
14 Birmingham, Alabama, to Madeline Drummond and Lloyd Sanders,
15 but he grew up in Panama City, Florida; following his return
16 to Birmingham, he graduated from Woodlawn High School in
17 1958; he remained friends with his high school classmates
18 throughout his life and maintained an online blog that
19 enabled them to stay connected for over 20 years; and

20 WHEREAS, Gerald Sanders served his country bravely
21 and faithfully in the United States Army during the Vietnam
22 War; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders had a charismatic and energetic
24 personality and he maintained a positive outlook throughout
25 his life; a lifelong career salesman who believed in the
26 products he promoted and sold, he represented City Paper
27 Company, Coty, Pfizer, and was the owner of Gerald Sanders
28 and Associates; following his retirement from sales, he



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29 spent several enjoyable years as a courier for the Marietta
30 Daily Journal; and

31 WHEREAS, Kennesaw State University's biggest fan,
32 Gerald Sanders appointed himself the Mayor of Owltown and
33 proudly responded to the name GerOwl; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders was happiest when spending time
35 with his family; he was blessed with a a loving wife,
36 Janice, whom he completely adored, and he was proud of his
37 children and grandchildren's many accomplishments; and

38 WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his wife of
39 57 years, Janice Burns Sanders; children, Chad Sanders
40 (Samantha Palmer), Cara Carrewyn (David), and Ryan Sanders
41 (Kimberly); grandchildren, Peyton Sanders, Amelia Dreschel,
42 Emma Brown, Chloe Smith, Zoe Carrewyn, Romy Carrewyn,
43 Madeline Sanders, Evelyn Sanders, Eily Blackman, Pfifer
44 Blackman, Paris Rikards, and Remington Rikards; brothers,
45 Edward M. Sanders (Peggy) and James Michael Sanders; and
46 numerous other loved family members and friends; and

47 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
48 missed, the memory of Gerald Thomas Sanders will be
49 cherished by all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

50 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
51 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of United States Army
52 Veteran Gerald Thomas Sanders is recorded with deep sadness,
53 and this resolution is offered in tribute to his life and
54 service, along with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose
55 grief is shared by many.