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SJR___ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN MARISA LEE FUTRAL.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death of Captain Marisa Lee Futral of Wetumpka, Alabama, at the age of 55; her passing leaves a void in the lives of her loving family, many friends, and the community where she was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, Captain Marisa Futral was born in Akron, Ohio, and reared in South Florida; she spent her life dedicated to the preservation of wildlife and the advancement of conservation education; and

WHEREAS, an early passion for the outdoors and wildlife conservation drew Marisa to Alabama where she could pursue her education at the Auburn University School of Wildlife Science; she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in 1991 and her Master of Science degree in Education in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Captain Futral began her career in conservation with various organizations, including the National Rifle Association and the Alabama Wildlife Federation, where she nurtured young minds in 4-H shooting sports and developed her own passion for competitive archery and shotgun shooting; she went on to become a two-time Alabama National Sporting Clays Ladies Champion; and

WHEREAS, Marisa Futral's professional journey led her to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; in 2005, she became the first female Regional Hunter Education Coordinator, and later she rose to the position of Hunter Education Program Supervisor; she also became certified as an FBI Firearms Instructor in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Captain Futral became the first female supervisor in the history of the Wildlife Section of the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries and the highest-ranking woman in the Law Enforcement Section of the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries; she attained the rank of Captain, and subsequently she was appointed as the Alabama Hunter Education Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Captain Marisa Futral's contributions to the Department and State of Alabama were numerous, including the implementation and construction of over 20 Community Archery Parks, the oversight of the transition to staffed shooting ranges, and the development and implementation of online hunter education; these all contributed to positioning Alabama as a leader in conservation education initiatives; Captain Futral served as President of the International Hunter Education Association USA from 2021-2023; and

WHEREAS, Captain Marisa Futral's dedication to the Becoming an Outdoor Woman Program, her leadership as a firearms instructor, and her personal involvement in teaching over 120 Hunter Education classes has directly impacted the lives of thousands of individuals, instilling in them a reverence for nature and a commitment to

conservation that will echo through generations; and

WHEREAS, her tireless efforts, unwavering dedication, and boundless passion for wildlife conservation and education have left an indelible mark on the landscape of Alabama and inspired countless individuals to become stewards of the natural world; and

WHEREAS, Captain Marisa Lee Futral is survived by her husband, Leldon Futral; sons, Kyle Futral (Malarie) and Hunter Futral (Serenity); mother, Margie Lee Metcalf; grandsons, Baron Futral, Benjamin Futral, and Lucas Futral; granddaughter, Malia Futral; brother, Bruce Lee (Kimberly); aunt, Gloria Bachtel; and a host of other much loved family, friends, and colleagues; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That although her presence will be greatly missed, the memory of Captain Marisa Lee Futral will be cherished in the hearts of all who knew and loved her; her death is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to her life and service to others, along with heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by many.