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4 HJR___ CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE DEATH OF
5 KIMBERLY BETH FANNING VAUGHN.
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7 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we mourn
8 the death, yet celebrate the life, of our good friend and
9 colleague, Kimberly Beth Fanning Vaughn of Huntsville,
10 Alabama, whose passing on November 17, 2024, at the age of
11 59 years has left a void in the lives of her family and
12 friends; a big-hearted and loving wife, mother, and
13 grandmother, Kim was known for her gentle nature,
14 generosity, and dedication to others; and

15 WHEREAS, a remarkable leader, dedicated
16 philanthropist, and consummate professional, Kimberly Vaughn
17 left an indelible mark as the Madison County Legislative
18 Director, tirelessly supporting the county's 14 state
19 legislators; her visionary approach, combined with her deep
20 commitment to public service and her unwavering dedication
21 to her community, has left a lasting legacy of progress and
22 positive change; and

23 WHEREAS, born at Huntsville Hospital and raised in
24 the town of New Hope, Kim graduated from New Hope High
25 School in 1983; she married Rex Vaughn of Monrovia on
26 February 25, 1989, and together they reared four children,
27 all of whom, along with their families, have made Monrovia
28 their home; and



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29 WHEREAS, she built her strong Christian faith from a
30 young age, listening to the teachings of her grandfather,
31 Reverend Denton Adams, at Killingsworth Cove Baptist Church;
32 she later became a devoted member of Gracious Savior Church
33 in Monrovia; and

34 WHEREAS, of all Kim's gifts, her greatest was her
35 remarkable ability to envision what others could not; she
36 had a unique talent for transforming the simplest of things
37 into something beautiful, whether it was food, clothing,
38 having honed her advanced seamstress skills from her
39 grandmother, Irene Fanning, or any other project she took
40 on; everything Kim touched flourished under her creative
41 direction; a prime example of her artistry was the kitchen
42 she designed at Providence Baptist Church, where her vision
43 came to life in a space that was both functional and
44 beautiful; and

45 WHEREAS, Kim had a deep love for cooking, not only
46 for her family but also for those in need; after the
47 devastating tornadoes struck North Alabama on April 27,
48 2011, she was called upon to oversee kitchen operations at
49 the Monrovia Community Center; for 10 days, she worked
50 tirelessly, cooking, cleaning, and serving thousands of
51 meals to law enforcement, first responders, and utility
52 workers from five states; always with a heart full of
53 service, she brought her four children along to help,
54 teaching them the true meaning of compassion and community;
55 and



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56 WHEREAS, Kim was intentional, outgoing, and deeply
57 service-oriented, with a keen eye for detail; she had a
58 natural ability to ease the burdens of others, always going
59 the extra mile to help; hospitality and community
60 involvement were second nature to her, and she became widely
61 known for her unwavering dedication to religious,
62 governmental, and civic organizations; whether in service to
63 her faith, her community, or those in need, Kim's commitment
64 and generosity left a lasting impact on everyone she
65 encountered; and

66 WHEREAS, of Kim's many beautiful legacies, one stands
67 out as simple, powerful, and eternal: She selflessly served
68 others in their hour of need; and

69 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her father,
70 Bobby Dean Fanning; father-in-law, Ronald Gray; and
71 mother-in-law, Ann Vaughn; and

72 WHEREAS, she was greatly loved and admired in life
73 and her death is a grievous loss to her family and friends,
74 including her beloved husband, Ronald "Rex" Gray Vaughn II;
75 children, Carmen Vaughn Bragg (Sean), Hannah Vaughn Creed
76 (Kaze), Ellie Vaughn Milby (Cole), and Carl Walton Vaughn
77 (Whitney); grandchildren, Gray Michael Bragg, Graham Denton
78 Bragg, R.G. Creed, and Marabelle Beth Milby; mother,
79 Paulette Adams Fanning; sister, Amanda Fanning Browner
80 (Doug); brother, Brad Fanning (Lea); and many in-laws,
81 nieces, and nephews; and

82 WHEREAS, a valued member of the community and loved
83 by many, her passion for life will be remembered fondly; we



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84 join with others to celebrate her life and to mourn her
85 death; although her presence will be greatly missed, her
86 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those
87 who were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

88 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
89 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Kimberly Beth
90 Fanning Vaughn is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we
91 mourn her death and the loss it represents to the State of
92 Alabama, we also celebrate her life; this resolution is
93 offered in highest tribute along with heartfelt sympathy to
94 her family by Representative Reynolds, Representative Whitt,
95 Representative Daniels, Representative Hall, Representative
96 Lands, Representative Lomax, Representative Rigsby, and
97 Representative Whorton.