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3 By Representatives McCampbell, Bolton
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 10-Apr-25



1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE
4 ROBERT LEE WILDER.

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6 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
7 death of the Honorable Robert Lee Wilder of Aliceville,
8 Alabama, on March 19, 2025, at the age of 68; and

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

12 WHEREAS, known to many as "Cookie Man," Robert Wilder
13 was born on July 22, 1956, to the union of James Lee and
14 Olga B. Wilder; he was the fourth of nine children and from
15 the age of nine would often help pick cotton to aid his
16 parents in feeding the family; he also worked as a stocker
17 at Hines Grocery as a teenager; and

18 WHEREAS, Robert Wilder was a standout defensive
19 lineman at Aliceville High School, where he graduated in
20 1974; after high school, he began his auto mechanic career
21 and worked at Shepherd Ford from 1974 to 1978 before opening
22 his first of many businesses, Wilder's Auto Sales; he also
23 worked as a Certified Diesel Mechanic for the Pickens County
24 Board of Education for more than 33 years, retiring in 2012;
25 he then worked as a bus driver for the City of Carrollton;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Robert was engaged with his community and
28 served in multiple civic capacities; he enthusiastically

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29 served as the Aliceville City Park Director for many years
30 and the Aliceville High School Athletic Booster Club
31 President; he was a sports enthusiast and served as the
32 Aliceville High School Softball Coach, Junior High School
33 Football Coach, and Aliceville Little League Football Coach;
34 under his tutelage, many championships were won and trophies
35 achieved; he also served as a traveling basketball referee
36 and softball umpire; and

37 WHEREAS, he felt strongly about serving the community
38 through governance and became a Certified Municipal Official
39 through the Alabama League of Municipalities; he served on
40 the Aliceville City Council from November 2008 to March
41 2025, running four consecutive terms unopposed; he also
42 served on the Government Utility Board of Aliceville since
43 2020; and

44 WHEREAS, over the years, he has earned recognition
45 for his service, including Aliceville Citizen of the Year in
46 2015, as well as a host of other civic, humanitarian, and
47 philanthropic accolades; he was a proud member of New Canaan
48 Missionary Baptist Church of Aliceville; and

49 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
50 missed, the memory of Robert "Cookie Man" Wilder will be
51 cherished in the hearts of all who knew and loved him; now
52 therefore,

53 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
54 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of the Honorable
55 Robert Lee Wilder is recorded with deep sadness, and this
56 resolution is offered by Representatives Artis J.



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57 McCampbell and Ron Bolton to his family in tribute to his
58 life and with heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones whose
59 grief is shared by many.



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69 Speaker of the House of Representatives
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79 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
80 and was passed by the House 15-Apr-25.

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John Treadwell

Clerk

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