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4 SJR___ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SAM
5 PALMER FAUCETT III.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
8 passing of Sam Palmer Faucett III of Northport, Alabama, on
9 December 26, 2025, surrounded by loved ones, while we also
10 celebrate his long, accomplished life that ended at the age
11 of 90; and

12 WHEREAS, appreciated for his sharp mind and unique
13 perspective, Sam leaves a legacy of service in the
14 Tuscaloosa community that was unmatched; his decades of
15 engagement with the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
16 earned him the beloved moniker "Walking History Book About
17 Tuscaloosa County"; and

18 WHEREAS, Sam was born on January 16, 1935, to Sam
19 Palmer "Bill" Faucett, Jr. and Gwendolyn Margaret Dyer
20 Faucett in Northport; he graduated from Tuscaloosa County
21 High School in 1952, then earned his Bachelor's degree in
22 finance from The University of Alabama in 1956; he also
23 received degrees from the Graduate School of Banking at the
24 University of Wisconsin and the National School of
25 Commercial Lending at the University of Oklahoma; and

26 WHEREAS, once Sam graduated from college, he headed
27 for New Orleans and took a job as an accountant with Shell
28 Oil Company, gradually working his way up the ladder to the



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company office in New York; and

WHEREAS, the pull back to Tuscaloosa was strong, however, and Sam returned in 1962 to join the City National Bank of Tuscaloosa, later known as First Alabama Bank and is now Regions Bank; Sam retired from Regions in 2000 after having served in many capacities, including Chair and CEO of the Tuscaloosa Bank and President of the Western, Florida, and Louisiana Regions; and

WHEREAS, known for his colorful clothes, sense of humor, and straight-shooting personality, civic involvement was also an important part of Sam's life; he played key leadership roles with the local Chamber of Commerce for many years, serving both the Northport and Tuscaloosa chambers, then leading the way for the merger that formed Alabama's first regional chamber in 1984, the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama; he served as chair, director, and treasurer over the years; in 2000, he was voted Entrepreneur of the Year and Northport's Citizen of the Year; in 2005, Sam was named to the Tuscaloosa County Civic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, he served 12 years on the Northport City Council and as Mayor briefly; in addition, he served on the board of DCH Regional Medical Center for 25 years, the President's Cabinet at The University of Alabama, the Tuscaloosa County Parks and Recreation Authority Board, and the Community Foundation of West Alabama, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, he made a \$1.45 million donation to build a new Tuscaloosa County High School, which inspired the Tuscaloosa County Board of Education to name the facility



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the Sam P. Faucett Campus of Tuscaloosa County High School and name the Faucett-Vestavia Elementary School for his mother and father; the Faucett family played an instrumental role in local schools over their many years of dedicated involvement and philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, Sam was preceded in death by his parents; brother, John Paul Faucett; beloved wife of 64 years, Leslie Wood Faucett; grandson, Sam Phillips; and great-grandson, Elijah Crow; left to cherish his memory are his two devoted daughters, Margaret Phillips (Clyde) and Marsha Crow (Glenn); grandchildren, Hunter Phillips (Jessica), Drew Phillips (Nikki), Holly Phillips, Brad Crow (Ashley), Bryan Crow (Weezie), and Leslie Stone (Drew); 16 great-grandchildren; and many loving family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Sam Faucett was a man who freely gave of his time, talents, and treasury back to his community; all of Tuscaloosa County benefited and will benefit for years to come, due to his leadership and service in so many areas; he will be missed greatly and long remembered; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Sam Palmer Faucett III is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to his life and service to others, along with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.