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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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29 company office in New York; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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