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4 HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
5 RICHARD ALLEN BENDER.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
8 death of Richard Allen "Rich" Bender of Citronelle, Alabama,
9 on January 28, 2026, at the age of 71; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Rich Bender was born in Altoona,
14 Pennsylvania, on February 25, 1954, and began his career
15 there as a carpenter and general contractor; he also worked
16 as an Emergency Medical Technician; and

17 WHEREAS, he moved to Citronelle in 2000 and worked at
18 RDA, Crowne Health Care of Citronelle as Maintenance
19 Supervisor, South Alabama Utilities, and Andrews Hardware;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, he loved taking on projects and was never
22 satisfied until they were completed perfectly, often using
23 his skills to help others; he was a dedicated husband to his
24 wife, Tina, who frequently helped him with his projects; and
25 he also enjoyed relaxing by working on jigsaw puzzles and
26 watching *Gunsmoke* reruns; and

27 WHEREAS, Rich made many friends in Citronelle and was
28 a valued member of the community; he served on the



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29 Citronelle Memorial Library Board; he was a man of strong
30 faith and an active member of Citronelle Methodist Church
31 for 23 years; he especially enjoyed his Sunday school class,
32 men's community breakfasts, and weekly dinners with the
33 church's Friday Night Supper Club; and

34 WHEREAS, Rich was preceded in death by his mother and
35 stepfather, Doris Snyder Roller and John Roller; as well as
36 his beloved canine companions, Punkin, Casey, Serah, Acer,
37 and Hazel; and

38 WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife and best
39 friend, Tina Hoover Bender; brother, Ken Bender; sisters,
40 Connie Bender Veller, Debbie Bender Young, Patty Bender
41 Metz, Mickey Bender Walls, and Kathy Bender McGraw; and a
42 host of nieces, nephews, and friends; now therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
44 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Richard Allen
45 Bender is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn
46 his death and the loss it represents, we also celebrate his
47 life; this resolution is offered in highest tribute, along
48 with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared
49 by many.