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4 HR_____ CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR. NATHAN LEE HODGES.

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6 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
7 death of Dr. Nathan Lee Hodges of Ozark, Alabama, on
8 February 2, 2026, at the age of 83; and while we mourn his
9 loss, we also celebrate his abundant life with thanksgiving;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, his departure leaves a void in the lives of
12 his loving family, many friends, and the communities he
13 served in Alabama, New Mexico, Texas, Kentucky, and North
14 Carolina, where he was highly regarded as an educator,
15 hospital administrator, and man of profound faith; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Hodges was born on December 7, 1942, in
17 Donalsonville, Georgia, to Roy Lee and Mae Fannie Chandler
18 Hodges; following his high school graduation, Nathan
19 embarked on his lifetime of learning at Gulf Coast Community
20 College and Emory University's Candler School of Theology;
21 he was called to pastor for six years before returning to
22 his education and graduating from Troy State University with
23 double Bachelor's degrees in Psychology and History and then
24 a Master's degree in Educational Administration, which he
25 earned while serving as principal at Midland City Elementary
School; and

27 WHEREAS, he served for many years in various roles in
28 education before attending Auburn University, earning a

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29 Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership, which marked
30 the beginning of an extraordinary career in secondary
31 education; following his own advice to "just keep moving;
32 just keep learning," Dr. Hodges earned a degree in Hospital
33 Administration from the University of North Carolina at
34 Chapel Hill; he ultimately returned to his lifelong calling
35 of learning and education, attending the University of Texas
36 for Community College Leadership; and

37 WHEREAS, Nathan Hodges believed in balance and found
38 peace and tranquility as a father, grandfather, husband, and
39 friend; he earned his solo pilot's license and enjoyed the
40 quiet focus of competitive archery; he had a deep affinity
41 for the outdoors and caring for animals of all kinds; his
42 heart remained rooted in his love for the Lord, and every
43 educational and professional achievement he attained, he
44 used in service of others; and

45 WHEREAS, he was preceded death by his parents and
46 sisters, Evelyn Hodges and Clara Hodges Caine; he is
47 survived by his loving wife of more than 61 years, Rebecca
48 Elaine Sutton Hodges; cherished children, Jeff Hodges (Dee)
49 and Ginger Hodges Scarborough (Kevin); six beloved
50 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; brother, Larry Von
51 Hodges (Debbie); and a host of nieces, nephews, extended
52 family; and friends; now therefore,

53 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
54 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Dr. Nathan Lee
55 Hodges is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn
56 his death and the loss it represents, we also celebrate his

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57 life; this resolution is offered in highest tribute, along
58 with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared
59 by many.