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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. THOMAS JOHNSON JOINER.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
11 death of Thomas Johnson Joiner of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on
12 March 11, 2019, at the age of 86 years; and

13 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
14 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community,
15 where he was highly regarded; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Joiner attended The University of
17 Alabama; he served his country in the U.S. Army; following his
18 military service he married Virginia Hudson in 1954; he began
19 his career in the oil and gas industry; in the 1960s he became
20 head of the Geological Survey of Alabama and the State Oil and
21 Gas Board of Alabama; in the early 1980s he founded the
22 geological and engineering consulting firm Tom Joiner and
23 Associates; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Joiner was very active in his community
25 and served on the board of directors of AmSouth Bank
26 Tuscaloosa; as president of the DCH Foundation, chairman of
27 the Tuscaloosa City School Foundation, chairman of the

1 Tuscaloosa Alexis de Tocqueville Society and chairman of the
2 Tuscaloosa County Industrial Development Authority; in 1998,
3 the city council designated April 21, as "Tom Joiner Day" in
4 Tuscaloosa; Tuscaloosa Sister City Commission honored Mr.
5 Joiner and his wife with the Garner International Friendship
6 Award in 2001; he and his wife were recognized as Pillars of
7 West Alabama by the Community Foundation of West Alabama in
8 2016; a year later he was recognized as one of the first 104
9 members of the United Way of West Alabama's Alexis de
10 Tocqueville Society, for an exceptional level of personal
11 giving and community service; and

12 WHEREAS, he was also a supporter and partner in the
13 Adopt-A-School Program; a member of the Genesis House board of
14 directors for Methodist Children's Home; chair of the College
15 of Arts and Sciences Leadership Board at The University of
16 Alabama; organizational chairman for the UA Department of
17 Geological Sciences Advisory Board; a member of the board of
18 trustees of Forever Wild; and a strong supporter of the United
19 Way of West Alabama's Success By 6 and the Tuscaloosa Pre-K
20 Initiative; and

21 WHEREAS, he was a loving and devoted family man who
22 often quoted what his father taught him, "Work hard for what
23 you want to achieve, respect your fellow man and always
24 remember family, family, family"; he was known as a good
25 friend, good man and an extraordinary human being; and

26 WHEREAS, he was predeceased by his parents, Clarence
27 and Elsie Joiner; his survivors include his beloved wife of 63

1 years, Virginia Hudson Joiner; his brother, Max Joiner
2 (Lynda); daughters, Cathy Wood (Bob), Dianne Rumanek, Marion
3 Price (Johnny) and Genae Pugh; 13 grandchildren; and 25
4 great-grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
6 missed, the memory of Mr. Joiner will be cherished in the
7 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Thomas
10 Johnson Joiner is recorded with deep sadness, and this
11 resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with
12 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
13 many.