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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
9 ALABAMA STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE DAVID W. WHEELER.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
12 untimely death on March 9, 2022, of Alabama State House
13 Representative David W. Wheeler of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, at
14 the age of 72; and

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

18 WHEREAS, a man of steadfast diligence who wore many
19 hats, Representative Wheeler was a passionate servant and
20 leader throughout his home state of Alabama, to the Republican
21 Party, and at his alma mater, The University of Montevallo;
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23 WHEREAS, Representative Wheeler was born on January
24 11, 1950, in Jemison, Alabama; and

25 WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting
26 from The University of Montevallo in 1972 and a Master of
27 Business Administration Degree from Samford University in

1 1976; from 1972 to 1988, he held various management and staff
2 positions in the Accounting, Finance, Planning, and Budgeting
3 Departments of Alabama Power, including the Director of
4 Accounting, Finance, and Regulatory Services; a Certified
5 Management Accountant; and the primary liaison for the Alabama
6 Public Service Commission; from 1988 to 1993, he served as the
7 Manager of Government and Federal Affairs for Alabama Power in
8 Washington, D.C.; altogether, he worked for Alabama Power for
9 29 years; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2008, Representative Wheeler was
11 appointed to The University of Montevallo Board of Trustees by
12 Governor Bob Riley for a term ending in 2032; in addition, he
13 served as Chair of the Personnel Committee and Vice Chair of
14 the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee; in April 2009,
15 the David W. and Diane R. Wheeler Endowed Scholarship was
16 created at The University of Montevallo; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2018, Representative Wheeler was elected
18 to his first term of office, serving House District 47 in the
19 State of Alabama; he served as Treasurer of the Alabama
20 Republican Party and as past Chairman of the Jefferson County
21 Republican Party; he was also a member of the Jefferson County
22 Republican Executive Committee, the Alabama Republican
23 Steering Committee, and the Alabama Republican Executive
24 Committee, and he was past Treasurer of the Mid-Alabama
25 Republican Club; most recently, he served for three years as
26 the President of Vulcan Termite and Pest Control, Inc.; he was

1 a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Homewood, Alabama,
2 and of the Hoover Country Club; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Wheeler is survived by his
4 wife of 26 years, Diane Reeves Wheeler; daughter, Jessica
5 Tyra; a host of additional family members; and numerous
6 friends and colleagues; and

7 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
8 missed, the memory of Representative Wheeler will be cherished
9 in the hearts of all who knew and loved him; his passion for
10 serving others, bright spirit, and kind soul will forever be
11 remembered; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of our friend and
14 colleague, Alabama State House Representative David W.
15 Wheeler, is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
16 offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy
17 to his family, whose grief is shared by many.