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3 By Representative Clarke
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. GILBERT RUSSELL LADD, III.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note the death on February 16, 2022, of Mr. Gilbert Russell Ladd, III of Mobile, Alabama, at the age of 86 years; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Ladd was born in Mobile, Alabama, on November 19, 1935, to Gilbert Russell Ladd, Jr. and Sadie Davis Ladd; he graduated from University Military School in 1953, as valedictorian of twenty-five cadets; Mr. Ladd graduated from Washington and Lee University in 1957, after serving as president of his fraternity and editor of the school's yearbook; he served six months' active duty in the United States Army from which he has more stories than many military generals; he returned home to Mobile to work in and later manage his family's insurance agency, Thames Batre; after a brief romance, he married the love of his life, Katherine Thorpe Christian (Kay), in 1962; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Ladd was a lifelong member of Christ
2 Church Cathedral and served regularly on the vestry; he
3 donated much of his time serving on the boards of United Way
4 of Southwest Alabama and Infirmary Health, as Chairman of the
5 Board of Trustees of UMS-Wright Preparatory School, and as
6 president of the Mobile Rotary Club, the Rotary Children's
7 Foundation, Goodwill Easter Seals, the Gordon Smith Center,
8 and the Metropolitan YMCA; he was a founding member of the
9 Mitchell College of Business Executive Advisory Council and a
10 longtime board member of Regions Bank; he was devoted to
11 Alabama Delta Alliance, Dauphin Island Sea Lab, and Mobile
12 United; and

13 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved wife, Kay;
16 brother, best friend, and business partner, Edward Bradford
17 Ladd, Sr.; sons, Gilbert Russell Ladd, IV (Nancy), Banks
18 Christian Ladd (Mary Carol), and Allen Hunter Ladd, Sr. (Jan);
19 seven grandchildren, Gilbert Russell Ladd,V, Allen Hunter
20 Ladd, Jr., Audrey Davis Ladd, Katherine Christian Ladd,,
21 Eugenia Lynn Ladd, Sadie Davis Ladd, and Virginia Carol Ladd;
22 and a host of other relatives and friends; and

23 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
24 missed, the memory of Mr. Ladd will be cherished in the hearts
25 of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Gilbert

1 Russell Ladd, III is recorded with deep sadness and this
2 resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with
3 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
4 many.