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SJR\_\_\_ MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. GEORGE COOLEY FRANKS.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on April 30, 2023, of Mr. George Cooley Franks of Demopolis, Alabama, at the age of 94; 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. Franks was born on December 7, 1928, in Meridian, Mississippi, to George G. Franks and Lula B. Franks; and

WHEREAS, after joining the Navy at 16 years of age, Mr. Franks completed his service and returned to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he graduated from Tuscaloosa High School in 1949; he was employed by South Central Bell where he met and married his future wife, Gladys Taylor Franks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Franks was transferred to Demopolis in 1966 and retired as Foreman in 1986; after retirement, he worked at TASCOS, Incorporated, and for Anderson Plumbing, Heating, and Electricity in Demopolis; some of his other achievements included being named Citizen of the Year in 1983; serving as a Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Scoutmaster for Troop 14 at Calvary Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa and as Scoutmaster for Troop 5 in Demopolis at First Baptist Church; receiving the BSA Silver Beaver Award from the BSA



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29 National Council, which is given to those who implement the  
30 scouting program and perform community service through hard  
31 work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service;  
32 serving as a Deacon at Calvary Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa  
33 and at First Baptist Church for almost 70 years total; being  
34 named Deacon Emeritus by First Baptist Church on April 23,  
35 2023; and being the Originator and Founder of the Alabama  
36 State Bar-B-Q Championship for Demopolis's own Christmas on  
37 the River, where he served as Chairman for 30 years; a man  
38 with a servant's heart, he also ministered around the world  
39 through many mission trips; and

40 WHEREAS, Mr. Franks was preceded in death by his  
41 wife; parents; and brother, Freddy F. Franks; he is survived  
42 by his children, Bobby Franks (Anita Duncan), Kaye Evans  
43 (Arthur), Lydia Randall (Mike), and Cindy Parker; sisters,  
44 Frances Franks Pearson and Jean Franks Ward; grandchildren,  
45 Emily R. Spiller (Shane), Scott Evans (April), Michael  
46 Randall (Marion), Taylor Evans (Megan), Fallon Taylor  
47 (Hunter), Kathleen Randall, Hayden Franks (Lana), Leanna  
48 Rogers (Nathan), and Graham Parker (Alena); and 23 great-  
49 grandchildren; and

50 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
51 missed, the memory of Mr. Franks will be cherished in the  
52 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

53 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
54 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. George  
55 Cooley Franks is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
56 resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with



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57 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by  
58 many.