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HR _____ MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. PRASADA RAO KAKANI.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note the death on April 23, 2024, of Dr. Prasada Rao Kakani of Huntsville, Alabama, at the age of 80 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, Dr. Kakani was born in Akunuru, India, the second of six children; he was the first child to go to college, and he earned his Doctor of Medicine Degree at Andhra University in 1965; in 1967, he and his wife, Bhavani and infant daughter, Lakshmi, immigrated to the United States; and

WHEREAS, he entered medical residency at Euclid Memorial Hospital where a renowned surgeon from the Cleveland Clinic recognized Dr. Kakani's gift for surgery, took him under his wing, and became his mentor and advocate; Dr. Kakani then continued into surgery residency at Lutheran Hospital followed by Fellowships in Surgical Oncology and Vascular Surgery; and

WHEREAS, as the patriarch of his family, Dr. Kakani made his home in Huntsville in 1974; he was instrumental in bringing many of his family members and friends to the United States; he was the first Indian physician in



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29 Huntsville, paving the way for numerous doctors; he served
30 as Chief of Surgery at Huntsville Hospital and was a
31 founding member of The Surgery Center; he enjoyed teaching
32 and mentoring both residents and colleagues; and

33 WHEREAS, Dr. Kakani was preceded in death by his
34 daughter, Rupa Kakani; and

35 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved wife of 59
36 years, Bhavani; daughters, Lakshmi Nallamala (Ramu), Radhika
37 Kakani, and Rena Kakani; grandchildren, Kavi Nallamala,
38 Ramann Nallamala (Daphne); and a host of other relatives and
39 friends; and

40 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
41 missed, the memory of Dr. Kakani will be cherished in the
42 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
44 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Dr. Prasada Rao
45 Kakani is recorded with deep sadness and this resolution is
46 offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy
47 to his family, whose grief is shared by many.