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SJR___ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
CAPTAIN MARISA LEE FUTRAL.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death of Captain Marisa Lee Futral of Wetumpka, Alabama, at the age of 55; her passing leaves a void in the lives of her loving family, many friends, and the community where she was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, Captain Marisa Futral was born in Akron, Ohio, and reared in South Florida; she spent her life dedicated to the preservation of wildlife and the advancement of conservation education; and

WHEREAS, an early passion for the outdoors and wildlife conservation drew Marisa to Alabama where she could pursue her education at the Auburn University School of Wildlife Science; she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in 1991 and her Master of Science degree in Education in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Captain Futral began her career in conservation with various organizations, including the National Rifle Association and the Alabama Wildlife Federation, where she nurtured young minds in 4-H shooting sports and developed her own passion for competitive archery and shotgun shooting; she went on to become a two-time Alabama National Sporting Clays Ladies Champion; and



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29 WHEREAS, Marisa Futral's professional journey led her
30 to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural
31 Resources; in 2005, she became the first female Regional
32 Hunter Education Coordinator, and later she rose to the
33 position of Hunter Education Program Supervisor; she also
34 became certified as an FBI Firearms Instructor in 2007; and

35 WHEREAS, Captain Futral became the first female
36 supervisor in the history of the Wildlife Section of the
37 Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries and
38 the highest-ranking woman in the Law Enforcement Section of
39 the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries;
40 she attained the rank of Captain, and subsequently she was
41 appointed as the Alabama Hunter Education Coordinator; and

42 WHEREAS, Captain Marisa Futral's contributions to the
43 Department and State of Alabama were numerous, including the
44 implementation and construction of over 20 Community Archery
45 Parks, the oversight of the transition to staffed shooting
46 ranges, and the development and implementation of online
47 hunter education; these all contributed to positioning
48 Alabama as a leader in conservation education initiatives;
49 Captain Futral served as President of the International
50 Hunter Education Association USA from 2021-2023; and

51 WHEREAS, Captain Marisa Futral's dedication to the
52 Becoming an Outdoor Woman Program, her leadership as a
53 firearms instructor, and her personal involvement in
54 teaching over 120 Hunter Education classes has directly
55 impacted the lives of thousands of individuals, instilling
56 in them a reverence for nature and a commitment to



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57 conservation that will echo through generations; and

58 WHEREAS, her tireless efforts, unwavering dedication,
59 and boundless passion for wildlife conservation and
60 education have left an indelible mark on the landscape of
61 Alabama and inspired countless individuals to become
62 stewards of the natural world; and

63 WHEREAS, Captain Marisa Lee Futral is survived by her
64 husband, Leldon Futral; sons, Kyle Futral (Malarie) and
65 Hunter Futral (Serenity); mother, Margie Lee Metcalf;
66 grandsons, Baron Futral, Benjamin Futral, and Lucas Futral;
67 granddaughter, Malia Futral; brother, Bruce Lee (Kimberly);
68 aunt, Gloria Bachtel; and a host of other much loved family,
69 friends, and colleagues; now therefore,

70 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
71 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That although her presence will
72 be greatly missed, the memory of Captain Marisa Lee Futral
73 will be cherished in the hearts of all who knew and loved
74 her; her death is recorded with deep sadness, and this
75 resolution is offered in tribute to her life and service to
76 others, along with heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose
77 grief is shared by many.