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4 HJR___ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LARRY
5 HORACE BARNETT.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
8 death of Larry Horace Barnett of Huntsville, Alabama, at the
9 age of 77; his departure leaves a void in the lives of his
10 loving family, many friends, and the community where he was
11 highly regarded; and

12 WHEREAS, Larry Barnett was born the only child of
13 Robert Horace Barnett and Hazel Louise Painter Barnett in
14 Huntsville, on August 9, 1947; a graduate of Madison
15 Academy, he attended Free Hardeman University and then
16 Tennessee Technological University; a proud veteran, he
17 served in the Army Reserve during the Vietnam era; and

18 WHEREAS, marrying Janice Tittsworth in 1968, he
19 wanted to remain in Huntsville and build his own retail
20 establishment; Larry's Pistol and Pawn was created in 1974
21 just after the birth of their only child, Robert Noel; no
22 stranger to hard work, as he had worked numerous jobs since
23 he was nine years old, he loved the business of pawnbroking
24 and retail sales; and

25 WHEREAS, Larry initially envisioned his business as a
26 combination trophy, pawn, and gun shop, but his distinctive
27 marketing approach led firearm sales to become the primary
28 focus; in 1990, he expanded his North Parkway location,



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29 adding a larger showroom and an indoor firing range; in
30 2015, he further grew the business with a second location
31 along Interstate 565 near the iconic "Big Rusty Water
32 Tower"; this location became home to his cherished
33 collection of unique firearms, proudly displayed in his
34 personal "museum"; and

35 WHEREAS, Larry Barnett served as a founding member of
36 the Huntsville Police Citizen's Foundation, actively
37 supporting the families of fallen officers and those injured
38 in the line of duty; during his service to the foundation,
39 the first Fallen Officer's Memorial was paid for by donors
40 and constructed at the Huntsville Police Department; Larry
41 also supported federal agencies, such as the Federal Bureau
42 of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
43 Firearms and Explosives; and

44 WHEREAS, he was the recipient of the 2009 SHOT
45 Business Magazine Dealer of the Year, the most prestigious
46 award for a firearms dealer; he also received the first ever
47 Ruger Retailer of the Year, Taurus Firearms Retailer of the
48 Year, Federal Ammunition Dealer of the Year, and the
49 multi-time Retailer of the Year from Hornady Ammunition; and

50 WHEREAS, Mr. Barnett is survived by his wife of 56
51 years; son, Robert Noel Barnett; grandson, Nicholas Tyler
52 Barnett (Taylor); great-granddaughter, Sadie Jane; and one
53 great-grandson expected in late summer; and

54 WHEREAS, Larry Barnett's life was a testament to
55 love, leadership, and service; he will be deeply missed, yet
56 his spirit will live on in the hearts of those he touched;



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57 now therefore,

58 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
59 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Larry Horace
60 Barnett is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution
61 is offered to his family in tribute to his life and with
62 heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones whose grief is shared
63 by many.