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3 By Representatives McCampbell, Bolton
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4 HJR___ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE
5 HONORABLE ROBERT LEE WILDER.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
8 death of the Honorable Robert Lee Wilder of Aliceville,
9 Alabama, on March 19, 2025, at the age of 68; and

10 WHEREAS, his departure leaves a void in the lives of
11 his loving family, many friends, and the community where he
12 was highly regarded; and

13 WHEREAS, known to many as "Cookie Man," Robert Wilder
14 was born on July 22, 1956, to the union of James Lee and
15 Olga B. Wilder; he was the fourth of nine children and from
16 the age of nine would often help pick cotton to aid his
17 parents in feeding the family; he also worked as a stocker
18 at Hines Grocery as a teenager; and

19 WHEREAS, Robert Wilder was a standout defensive
20 lineman at Aliceville High School, where he graduated in
21 1974; after high school, he began his auto mechanic career
22 and worked at Shepherd Ford from 1974 to 1978 before opening
23 his first of many businesses, Wilder's Auto Sales; he also
24 worked as a Certified Diesel Mechanic for the Pickens County
25 Board of Education for more than 33 years, retiring in 2012;
26 he then worked as a bus driver for the City of Carrollton;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Robert was engaged with his community and



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29 served in multiple civic capacities; he enthusiastically
30 served as the Aliceville City Park Director for many years
31 and the Aliceville High School Athletic Booster Club
32 President; he was a sports enthusiast and served as the
33 Aliceville High School Softball Coach, Junior High School
34 Football Coach, and Aliceville Little League Football Coach;
35 under his tutelage, many championships were won and trophies
36 achieved; he also served as a traveling basketball referee
37 and softball umpire; and

38 WHEREAS, he felt strongly about serving the community
39 through governance and became a Certified Municipal Official
40 through the Alabama League of Municipalities; he served on
41 the Aliceville City Council from November 2008 to March
42 2025, running four consecutive terms unopposed; he also
43 served on the Government Utility Board of Aliceville since
44 2020; and

45 WHEREAS, over the years, he has earned recognition
46 for his service, including Aliceville Citizen of the Year in
47 2015, as well as a host of other civic, humanitarian, and
48 philanthropic accolades; he was a proud member of New Canaan
49 Missionary Baptist Church of Aliceville; and

50 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
51 missed, the memory of Robert "Cookie Man" Wilder will be
52 cherished in the hearts of all who knew and loved him; now
53 therefore,

54 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
55 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of the Honorable
56 Robert Lee Wilder is recorded with deep sadness, and this



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57 resolution is offered by Representatives Artis J.
58 McCampbell and Ron Bolton to his family in tribute to his
59 life and with heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones whose
60 grief is shared by many.