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3 By Representatives Rigsby, Lomax, Reynolds, Whitt, Hall,
4 Daniels, Lands, Moore (P), Whorton

5 RFD: Rules

6 First Read: 25-Feb-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE DEATH OF KIMBERLY BETH
4 FANNING VAUGHN.

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6 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we mourn
7 the death, yet celebrate the life, of our good friend and
8 colleague, Kimberly Beth Fanning Vaughn of Huntsville,
9 Alabama, whose passing on November 17, 2024, at the age of
10 59 years has left a void in the lives of her family and
11 friends; a big-hearted and loving wife, mother, and
12 grandmother, Kim was known for her gentle nature,
13 generosity, and dedication to others; and

14 WHEREAS, a remarkable leader, dedicated
15 philanthropist, and consummate professional, Kimberly Vaughn
16 left an indelible mark as the Madison County Legislative
17 Director, tirelessly supporting the county's 14 state
18 legislators; her visionary approach, combined with her deep
19 commitment to public service and her unwavering dedication
20 to her community, has left a lasting legacy of progress and
21 positive change; and

22 WHEREAS, born at Huntsville Hospital and raised in
23 the town of New Hope, Kim graduated from New Hope High
24 School in 1983; she married Rex Vaughn of Monrovia on
25 February 25, 1989, and together they reared four children,
26 all of whom, along with their families, have made Monrovia
27 their home; and



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28 WHEREAS, she built her strong Christian faith from a
29 young age, listening to the teachings of her grandfather,
30 Reverend Denton Adams, at Killingsworth Cove Baptist Church;
31 she later became a devoted member of Gracious Savior Church
32 in Monrovia; and

33 WHEREAS, of all Kim's gifts, her greatest was her
34 remarkable ability to envision what others could not; she
35 had a unique talent for transforming the simplest of things
36 into something beautiful, whether it was food, clothing,
37 having honed her advanced seamstress skills from her
38 grandmother, Irene Fanning, or any other project she took
39 on; everything Kim touched flourished under her creative
40 direction; a prime example of her artistry was the kitchen
41 she designed at Providence Baptist Church, where her vision
42 came to life in a space that was both functional and
43 beautiful; and

44 WHEREAS, Kim had a deep love for cooking, not only
45 for her family but also for those in need; after the
46 devastating tornadoes struck North Alabama on April 27,
47 2011, she was called upon to oversee kitchen operations at
48 the Monrovia Community Center; for 10 days, she worked
49 tirelessly, cooking, cleaning, and serving thousands of
50 meals to law enforcement, first responders, and utility
51 workers from five states; always with a heart full of
52 service, she brought her four children along to help,
53 teaching them the true meaning of compassion and community;
54 and



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55 WHEREAS, Kim was intentional, outgoing, and deeply
56 service-oriented, with a keen eye for detail; she had a
57 natural ability to ease the burdens of others, always going
58 the extra mile to help; hospitality and community
59 involvement were second nature to her, and she became widely
60 known for her unwavering dedication to religious,
61 governmental, and civic organizations; whether in service to
62 her faith, her community, or those in need, Kim's commitment
63 and generosity left a lasting impact on everyone she
64 encountered; and

65 WHEREAS, of Kim's many beautiful legacies, one stands
66 out as simple, powerful, and eternal: She selflessly served
67 others in their hour of need; and

68 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her father,
69 Bobby Dean Fanning; father-in-law, Ronald Gray; and
70 mother-in-law, Ann Vaughn; and

71 WHEREAS, she was greatly loved and admired in life
72 and her death is a grievous loss to her family and friends,
73 including her beloved husband, Ronald "Rex" Gray Vaughn II;
74 children, Carmen Vaughn Bragg (Sean), Hannah Vaughn Creed
75 (Kaze), Ellie Vaughn Milby (Cole), and Carl Walton Vaughn
76 (Whitney); grandchildren, Gray Michael Bragg, Graham Denton
77 Bragg, R.G. Creed, and Marabelle Beth Milby; mother,
78 Paulette Adams Fanning; sister, Amanda Fanning Browner
79 (Doug); brother, Brad Fanning (Lea); and many in-laws,
80 nieces, and nephews; and

81 WHEREAS, a valued member of the community and loved
82 by many, her passion for life will be remembered fondly; we



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83 join with others to celebrate her life and to mourn her
84 death; although her presence will be greatly missed, her
85 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those
86 who were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

87 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
88 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Kimberly Beth
89 Fanning Vaughn is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we
90 mourn her death and the loss it represents to the State of
91 Alabama, we also celebrate her life; this resolution is
92 offered in highest tribute along with heartfelt sympathy to
93 her family by Representative Reynolds, Representative Whitt,
94 Representative Daniels, Representative Hall, Representative
95 Lands, Representative Lomax, Representative Rigsby, and
96 Representative Whorton.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 04-Mar-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

19-Mar-25

Adopted