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4 HR\_\_\_\_\_ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
5 CHARLES CORNELIUS BROOKS, JR.  
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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
8 death on March 8, 2025, of Charles Cornelius Brooks, Jr., of  
9 Birmingham, Alabama; his passing leaves a void in the lives  
10 of his loving family, many friends, and the community, where  
11 he was highly regarded; and

12 WHEREAS, Charles Cornelius Brooks, Jr.,  
13 affectionately known as Brooks, was born on December 28,  
14 1945, in Birmingham to Minnie Lee Tompkins and Charles  
15 Cornelius Brooks, Sr.; he attended Carrie T. Tuggle  
16 Elementary School and later matriculated to Parker High  
17 School, where he was a proud graduate of the Class of 1964;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Charles Brooks accepted Christ as his Savior  
20 and united with New Hope Baptist Church under the leadership  
21 of his close friend, Pastor Gregory L. Clarke; and

22 WHEREAS, Charles Brooks led a life of service working  
23 in the funeral industry; he professionally managed with  
24 dignity thousands of funeral services, including those for  
25 young victims who were killed in two high-profile civil  
26 rights incidents in the City of Birmingham; and

27 WHEREAS, he began working in the funeral industry at  
28 Poole Funeral Chapel, where his career choice developed into



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29 a labor of love; in 1980, he accepted a position as a  
30 funeral director at Bushelon Funeral Home, Incorporated,  
31 where he was a loyal and beloved staff member for 45 years;  
32 he generously gave of his time and talents for decades  
33 mentoring other employees in how to care, with dignity and  
34 grace, for a deceased person's grieving loved ones; and

35 WHEREAS, Charles Brooks was preceded in death by his  
36 parents; daughter, Minnie L. Brooks; brother, Malcom Jerome  
37 Brooks; and sister, Louise Cotton; and

38 WHEREAS, left to cherish the memories of a man who  
39 had a heart of gold are his daughter, Valerie Brooks;  
40 grandchildren, Perez Brooks, Sr. (Rosalyn), D'wana Brooks  
41 Owens (Demetrius), Gejuanica Garner, April Griffin, and  
42 Cheryl Watson; 16 great-grandchildren; his Bushelon and  
43 Poole work families; and many other much-loved extended  
44 family members and devoted friends; and

45 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
46 missed, the memory of Charles Cornelius Brooks, Jr. will be  
47 cherished in the hearts of all who knew and loved him; now  
48 therefore,

49 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
50 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Charles Cornelius  
51 Brooks, Jr. is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
52 resolution is offered in tribute to his life and service to  
53 others, along with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose  
54 grief is shared by many.