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HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF WILLIE JAMES GRAYSON.

WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow and regret that we note the lamentable death of Willie James Grayson of Montgomery, Alabama, on August 24, 2024, at the age of 85 years; and

WHEREAS, Willie James Grayson, known affectionately by most as "Buddy," was born in Thomasville, Alabama, to the late Arleaner and Pete Grayson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grayson dedicated his career to the timber industry, beginning with Vernon Knight Logging in the 1970s; he later brought his skills to Welch Timber Company in Grove Hill, Alabama, before retiring early from Sumter Timber Company in the early 1990s; a man of kindness and generosity, he carried a spirit of warmth and selflessness, touching the lives of his family, community, and everyone he encountered; his life was a reflection of God's grace, and his presence was a true blessing to all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his parents; wife, Dorothy "Dorotha" Grayson; sisters, Bula Mae Bennette, Christine Davis, and Margaret; and devoted son-in-law, Radford "Wookie" Parker; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his children Thomy Grayson, Loraine Taylor, Dorothy Cowan, Theodore Cowan



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29 (Ti'Juanna), Micheal Grayson (Wendy), Charles Grayson
30 (Shannon), Yvette Morissette (Ledgar), Etta Williams
31 (Larry), Deniece Hope, Cassandra Lovette (Alvin), Angeline
32 Hayes (Tyrone), Bernadette Grayson, Marquette Blackmon,
33 Jarmin Rothchild (Christie), and Shambria Grayson; five
34 sisters; one brother; 38 grandchildren; 35
35 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and
36 other friends and family; and

37 WHEREAS, Mr. Grayson was a valued member of the
38 community who was loved by many, we join with others to
39 celebrate his life and to mourn his death; although his
40 presence will be greatly missed, his memory will be
41 cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were
42 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
44 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Willie James
45 "Buddy" Grayson is recorded with deep sadness, and even as
46 we mourn his death, we also celebrate his life; this
47 resolution is offered in highest tribute, along with
48 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
49 many.