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4 HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH OF ALBERT LEO SHUMAKER.
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6 WHEREAS, the death of Mr. Albert Leo Shumaker of
7 Jasper, Alabama, on February 19, 2025, is noted with sadness
8 and his long and productive life of 84 years is commended
9 and celebrated with thanksgiving; and

10 WHEREAS, Albert Leo Shumaker, known affectionately as
11 "Al" by family, friends, clients, and coworkers, was born in
12 Jasper, Alabama, to parents Albert G. Shumaker and Hazel
13 Rutledge Shumaker; and

14 WHEREAS, from a young age, Mr. Shumaker was actively
15 involved in church, school, and community life; he graduated
16 from Walker County High School as an honor student, band
17 member, and senior class president, later organizing class
18 reunions through the years; and

19 WHEREAS, a competitive swimmer from childhood into
20 his 20s, he served as a lifeguard and swim instructor, later
21 teaching foster children in Centre, Alabama, where the city
22 aquatic center was named in his honor in 2023; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Shumaker earned his Bachelor of Arts
24 Degree from Howard College, now Samford University, in 1963,
25 and his Juris Doctor from Cumberland School of Law in 1965,
26 going on to be admitted to the Alabama State Bar, U.S.
27 District Court, and U.S. Supreme Court; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Shumaker served as City Attorney for



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Centre beginning in 1980 and represented several other municipalities and boards in Cherokee County, including the Northeast Alabama Water, Sewer & Fire Protection District for over 45 years; and

WHEREAS, a longtime practitioner of municipal, probate, real estate, and family law, he also served as guardian ad litem for foster children and was a registered agent for Old Republic National Title Insurance Company since 1971; and

WHEREAS, he was deeply involved in civic life, serving over 20 years on the Samford University Board of Trustees, chairing the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama, and holding leadership roles in both the Centre Lions and Rotary Clubs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shumaker was a dedicated member of Centre First Baptist Church for 58 years, where he taught Sunday School, led youth training, sang in the choir, and served in numerous leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, he generously supported the American Red Cross, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, and banking institutions such as Farmers & Merchants Bank and First Southern State Bank; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shumaker was instrumental in creating the Law Library at the Cherokee County Courthouse and helped lead the renovation of the main courtroom, frequently speaking at legal education events and mentoring fellow attorneys throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents;



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sister, Sylvia Crump; brother, Bill Shumaker; in-laws, Dean and Lloyd Williamson; and neice, Lori Sparks; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his wife, Anne Williamson Shumaker; nephew, Nolan Sparks (Dina); grandniece, Sylvie Sparks; grandnephews, Alex Sparks and Adam Brakefield Sparks (Lisa); great-grandniece, Audrey Sparks; sister-in-law, Lane Gregory; brothers-in-law, Richard Schlinkert and John Crump; special cousins, Susan Rutledge, Ann Rutledge, and Jon Rutledge; special cousin-in-law, Jane Weathers Rhame; chosen goddaughter, Shyann Wells; and a host of other family, loved ones, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shumaker was a valuable member of his family and community and he had formed many devoted friendships through the years; he will be sorrowfully missed, but his loving influence remains, and his memory will be forever treasured in the hearts of those whose lives he shared; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while mourning the death of Mr. Albert Leo Shumaker, it is appropriate to remember his many years of joyful living, and by copy of this resolution, heartfelt sympathy is offered to his grieving family.