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4 HR\_\_\_\_\_ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR.  
5 JAMES GARBER RUDULPH.  
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7 WHEREAS, we note with sadness the death of Dr. James  
8 Garber "Jimmy" Rudulph of Birmingham, Alabama, on March 4,  
9 2025, and we celebrate his 71 years of life with  
10 thanksgiving; his warmth, humor, and steadfast love for his  
11 family and friends will be deeply missed; and

12 WHEREAS, the son of the late John Barratt Rudulph and  
13 Charlotte Garber Rudulph, he was born on May 26, 1953, in  
14 Birmingham; he shared a birthday with his maternal  
15 grandfather, Dr. James Garber, an obstetrician who had the  
16 unique privilege of hearing his grandson's first cries; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Jimmy Rudulph graduated from Mountain  
18 Brook High School before attending Tulane University, The  
19 University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, and  
20 the College of Charleston, where he completed a residency in  
21 anesthesia; following his residency, he returned to  
22 Birmingham and began working with Anesthesia Services of  
23 Birmingham; he spent decades at St. Vincent's Hospital  
24 before moving to Brookwood Hospital, where he worked until  
25 his retirement in 2020; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Jimmy Rudulph was devoted to his family  
27 and friends; he and his beloved wife of 39 years, Patty,  
28 were married in 1986, and together they built a life



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29 centered on love, family, and mutual respect and adoration;  
30 they shared passions for nature, travel, and science that  
31 they imparted to their children, often through road-trip  
32 demonstrations of the local geology and flora; and

33 WHEREAS, Dr. Rudulph took great joy in raising his  
34 children, and despite the demands of his hospital call  
35 schedule, he attended every concert, horse show, open house,  
36 and milestone in their lives; he made an effort to spend  
37 special one-on-one time with each of his children, from  
38 weekend trips to grand excursions; and

39 WHEREAS, a man of boundless energy and curiosity, his  
40 sense of adventure led him to embrace scuba diving, skiing,  
41 hiking, golfing, biking, tennis, fishing, and carpentry; he  
42 traveled the world with Patty and their children, and they  
43 always looked forward to summering in Perdido; he filled  
44 those sun-drenched days with endless adventure and created  
45 lasting memories with his family; and

46 WHEREAS, Dr. Jimmy Rudulph lived a life dedicated to  
47 improving the well-being of others; beyond his medical  
48 career in Birmingham, he participated in humanitarian  
49 medical missions to Bolivia, Nicaragua, and Haiti, and since  
50 2002, ardently supported PFLAG Birmingham; and

51 WHEREAS, Dr. Jimmy Rudulph is survived by his devoted  
52 wife, Patty; children, Jake and Barratt; siblings, Frances  
53 Wilkinson (Frank) and John Rudulph (Sandy); nieces and  
54 nephews, Charlotte Heins, Ben Wilkinson, Michael Rudulph,  
55 John Rudulph, Lanier Brooks, and Beth Collins; lifelong  
56 friends, Jeff Cobb and Jay Drennen; as well as many other



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57 loving extended family members and friends; and

58 WHEREAS, Dr. Jimmy Rudulph's legacy is one of love,  
59 laughter, and unwavering devotion to the people he  
60 cherished; his absence leaves a void that cannot be filled,  
61 but his memory will continue to inspire and bring joy to  
62 those who knew him; now therefore,

63 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
64 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Dr. James Garber  
65 "Jimmy" Rudulph is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
66 resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with  
67 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by  
68 many.