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4 HR_____ HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SUPERINTENDENT
5 JAMES WILLIAM CHAPMAN, JR.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
8 death of James William "Jamie" Chapman, Jr. on May 4, 2025,
9 at the age of 57; he was a dedicated educator, community
10 leader, and beloved family member; his departure leaves a
11 void in the lives of his family, friends, and community,
12 where he was highly regarded; and

13 WHEREAS, Jamie Chapman was born on November 30, 1967,
14 in Memphis, Tennessee; he was a faithful member of Hannah
15 Church, where his values and beliefs shaped his service to
16 others, ensuring the success and well-being of students,
17 educators, and the community at large; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman dedicated his entire life to
19 nurturing, teaching, coaching, and leading the youth of
20 Pickens County; whether in the classroom, on the athletic
21 field, as a principal, or as superintendent, he always led
22 with heart, humility, and unwavering commitment; he believed
23 in every student's potential and poured his passion into
24 building a better future for all; and

25 WHEREAS, one of Mr. Chapman's most impactful
26 accomplishments was his instrumental role in the vision and
27 construction of the Pickens County College and Career
28 Center, a transformative space that continues to open doors



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for all students across the county; this legacy stands as a testament to his forward-thinking leadership and steadfast belief in the power of opportunity and equity; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Chapman was preceded in death by his father, William Chapman, Sr.; mother, Nancy Smith Chapman Fair and "Dad," Leon Fair, but leaves behind a devoted and loving family, including his wife, Candy Parker Chapman; daughter, Haley Chapman; sons, James W. Chapman III (Danielle) and Koy Chapman; brother, Keith Fair (Nancy); and sister, Cindy Gray; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Chapman was more than an educator; he was a cornerstone of his community; his absence leaves a void that cannot be filled, but his spirit will live on in every hallway, classroom, and student success story across Pickens County; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of James William "Jamie" Chapman, Jr. is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered to his family in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones whose grief is shared by many.