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HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
BEVERLY CUNNINGHAM LESTER.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death of Beverly Cunningham Lester on February 18, 2025, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, her departure leaves a void in the lives of her loving family, many friends, and the community where she was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, Beverly was born in Anderson, South Carolina, on January 31, 1941, to Harold Blain and Maggie Mae Oliver, who raised their daughter with the values of hard work, faith, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from West Side High School, Class of 1959, Beverly matriculated to Voorhees University, where she pursued her passion for nursing and attained her LPN license upon graduating the nursing program; and

WHEREAS, Beverly dedicated her career to caring for others, serving in various hospitals, including Mary Black Hospital, Spartanburg Regional Hospital, Anderson Memorial Hospital, and Allen Bennett Hospital; she retired from nursing while in service to Camp Haven Nursing Home, Valley Falls Nursing Home, and Mountain View Nursing Home, where she brought comfort and joy to countless patients during their twilight years; and



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29 WHEREAS, Beverly served in many ways in her
30 community; she was a dedicated volunteer at Spartanburg Soup
31 Kitchen, where she found joy in feeding and uplifting the
32 homeless; as a faithful member of The House of David, she
33 served as the head of the Hospitality Ministry and the
34 Medical Ministry, ensuring that all were cared for both
35 physically and spiritually; and

36 WHEREAS, beyond her dedication to others, Beverly
37 embraced life with passion and joy; she enjoyed traveling,
38 reading, decorating, her ministry work, and spending
39 cherished moments with friends and family; she enjoyed
40 watching cowboy and western movies, collecting horse
41 figurines, and the companionship of her pets, Max and
42 Keebler; she was a devoted mother, grandmother,
43 great-grandmother, nurse, and servant of God; and

44 WHEREAS, Beverly was preceded in death by her beloved
45 husband, Dr. Clarence Martin Lester, Sr.; son, Matthew
46 Lester; and grandson, Jaleen Martin Lester; she will be
47 lovingly remembered by her children, Clarissa Lester Kenty
48 (Ernest), Clarence Martin Lester, Jr. (Monica), and Michael
49 Angelo Lester; eight grandchildren; four
50 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended
51 family, and close friends; and

52 WHEREAS, Beverly was a woman of grace, wisdom, and
53 kindness; although her joyful presence will be greatly
54 missed, the memory of Beverly Lester will be cherished in
55 the hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,



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56 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
57 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Beverly Cunningham
58 Lester is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
59 offered to her family in tribute to her life and with
60 heartfelt sympathy to her loved ones whose grief is shared
61 by many.

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