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HJR___ CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH WILLIAM JONES, JR.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death of Joseph William "Billy" Jones, Jr. of Monroeville, Alabama, on January 23, 2026, at the age of 80; and while we mourn his loss, we also celebrate his abundant life with thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, his departure leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the community he served, where he was highly regarded a successful businessman, hospital administrator, and humanitarian; and

WHEREAS, Billy Jones was born February 13, 1945, in Monroeville to Joseph William Jones, Sr. and Jennie Lee Urquhart Jones; he attended Murphy High School in Mobile and later Monroe County High School in Monroeville, Class of 1964; he continued his education at Patrick Henry State Junior College, where he was part of the first graduating class; he later attended Troy University earning an honorary bachelor's degree; he continued to be a lifelong supporter of the university and was honored with a state-of-the-art health care education building, Jones Hall, being named for him; and

WHEREAS, his professional career began in Montgomery, where he worked with the Farm Bureau for nine years; in 1978, he and his family returned to Monroeville as he joined



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29 Englewood Health Care Center as Administrator; in 1986,
30 Billy co-founded Crowne Management, where he served as
31 president, and later co-founded Gericare Medical Supply,
32 also serving as president; he proudly served three terms as
33 president of the Alabama Nursing Home Association, remaining
34 an active board member for many years; and

35 WHEREAS, Billy Jones loved his community and invested
36 his time and talents in revitalizing its downtown square,
37 developing and restoring historic buildings for mixed-use
38 business, including furnished Airbnb properties, retail
39 stores, and offices to the square; one of his final downtown
40 projects was installing a branch of Church of the Highlands,
41 The Church on the Square; in 2008, Billy and his wife,
42 Frances, founded the King's Kids Foundation, whose mission
43 has provided enrichment opportunities in literacy and the
44 arts for children in Monroe County; and

45 WHEREAS, above all, Billy was a man of faith and
46 member of Saint John's Episcopal Church; he served two terms
47 on the vestry, including one as Senior Warden; he also
48 served on the Standing Committee for the Diocese of the
49 Central Gulf Coast; he loved his family and never missed
50 enjoying a spring break with his children, grandchildren,
51 and wife; he loved visiting Lake Martin, cheering on the
52 Alabama Crimson Tide, and eating Jen's asparagus casserole
53 and peanut butter and banana sandwiches; and

54 WHEREAS, Billy is survived by his wife of 23 years,
55 Frances Jones, whom he loved dearly; he was blessed with
56 four children, Richard Bryan Jones (Natalie), Jennifer Jones



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57 McInnish (Jim), Tucker Ryan, and Rebecca Ryan Bunt (Dave);
58 and 13 wonderful grandchildren; and

59 WHEREAS, Billy will be deeply missed and forever
60 remembered for a lifetime of service; he leaves a legacy
61 marked by quiet generosity and an unwavering commitment to
62 improving the lives of others; now therefore,

63 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
64 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Joseph William
65 Jones, Jr. is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we
66 mourn his death and the loss it represents, we also
67 celebrate his life; this resolution is offered in highest
68 tribute, along with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose
69 grief is shared by many.