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HJR___ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF GEORGE HARDY FLEMING, SR.

WHEREAS, with profound sorrow, we note the passing of
George Hardy Fleming, Sr. of West Blocton, Alabama, on
February 15, 2026, yet we celebrate with grateful
thanksgiving his long, abundant life that ended at the age
of 89; and

WHEREAS, his watch may be complete, but his influence
will live on through the lives he shaped and the people he
faithfully protected; and

WHEREAS, born on April 2, 1936, in Cordova, Alabama,
to Velma Eugene Fleming and Minnie Fleming, George lived a
life defined by service, strength, humility, and steady
leadership; from an early age, he learned the value of hard
work, spending his childhood and teenage years working on a
dairy farm until he was 18 years old; he always enjoyed
working with his hands by building, fixing, and staying
busy; this trait remained with him throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, George enlisted in the United
States Army, beginning a distinguished 20-year military
career that would take him around the world; he honorably
served his country, including service in Vietnam as a
Military Policeman, and retired from the Army on June 30,
1974; his time in the military shaped the discipline,



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29 integrity, and unwavering character that guided the rest of
30 his life; and

31 WHEREAS, among the highlights of his military career,
32 George served as a military escort for General Omar Bradley
33 at President Dwight D. Eisenhower's funeral in Kansas in
34 1969; he also served as an escort to General William
35 Westmoreland from 1969 to 1973; these honors reflected the
36 trust placed in him and the professionalism he carried
37 throughout his service; and

38 WHEREAS, following his military career, George
39 continued his commitment to protecting and serving others;
40 he faithfully served as Chief of Police for the Town of West
41 Blocton from 1978 to 1995; he was then elected Sheriff of
42 Bibb County, where he served until his retirement in 2002;
43 his leadership impacted countless lives across Bibb County,
44 including many who continue to serve in law enforcement
45 today; his military career and his years as Chief of Police
46 were among his proudest professional accomplishments; and

47 WHEREAS, while George's career reflected duty and
48 honor, his greatest pride was his family; his proudest
49 personal moments were the births of his children and the
50 memories made camping with his granddaughters, simple and
51 meaningful times that brought him deep joy; and

52 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, George was
53 preceded in death by his beloved wife, Della Voncille
54 Fleming; siblings, Virgil Fleming, Peggy Hawthorne, Raymond
55 Fleming, Teddy Fleming, and Danny Fleming; and grandson
56 Nathaniel Fleming; and



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57 WHEREAS, he is survived by his children, George Hardy
58 Fleming Jr. (Rhonda), Della Rebecca Banks (Joe), Daphne
59 Pierson (Rodney), and Ronald Fleming (Cynthia); siblings,
60 Bobby Fleming (Judy), Ray Fleming (Debbie), Nina Johnson
61 (Buddy), Patsy Robinson (Kenneth), and Judy Conway; nine
62 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and one great-great
63 granddaughter; and

64 WHEREAS, George Fleming leaves behind a legacy of
65 honor, courage, and lifelong dedication to his country,
66 community, and family; now therefore,

67 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
68 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of George Hardy
69 Fleming, Sr. is recorded with deep sadness, and this
70 resolution is offered in tribute to his life and service to
71 others, along with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose
72 grief is shared by many.