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3     By Representative Jackson  
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4 HR\_\_\_\_\_ CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH WILLIAM JONES, JR.  
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6 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
7 death of Joseph William "Billy" Jones, Jr. of Monroeville,  
8 Alabama, on January 23, 2026, at the age of 80; and while we  
9 mourn his loss, we also celebrate his abundant life with  
10 thanksgiving; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Billy Jones was born February 13, 1945, in  
16 Monroeville to Joseph William Jones, Sr. and Jennie Lee  
17 Urquhart Jones; he attended Murphy High School in Mobile and  
18 later Monroe County High School in Monroeville, Class of  
19 1964; he continued his education at Patrick Henry State  
20 Junior College, where he was part of the first graduating  
21 class; he later attended Troy University earning an honorary  
22 bachelor's degree; he continued to be a lifelong supporter  
23 of the university and was honored with a state-of-the-art  
24 health care education building, Jones Hall, being named for  
25 him; and

26 WHEREAS, his professional career began in Montgomery,  
27 where he worked with the Farm Bureau for nine years; in  
28 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
64     LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, 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.