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HR _____ MOURNING THE DEATH OF WALTER E. TURNER.

WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow and regret that we note the lamentable death of Walter E. Turner of Citronelle, Alabama, on February 16, 2026, at the age of 77 years; and

WHEREAS, born February 6, 1949, Walter Turner was a graduate of Citronelle High School, Class of 1967, and continued his education at Auburn University, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Horticulture; and

WHEREAS, he devoted many years of service to his profession, including three decades at Searcy Hospital and an additional 10 years working for the City of Citronelle, where his dedication and expertise contributed to the betterment of his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Turner's faith was central to his life, and after being ordained as a deacon in 1983, he faithfully served in various church congregations, including Bethel Baptist Church, Living Word Church, Memorial Baptist Church, and First Baptist Church, offering his time, leadership, and encouragement to those around him; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed a wide range of pursuits that reflected both his love of nature and his appreciation for simple fellowship, including gardening, hunting, fishing, cooking, and spending time with family and friends at his cabin and on his front porch; and



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29 WHEREAS, he also shared a close bond with his
30 brother, with whom he spent many hours woodworking, creating
31 not only handcrafted pieces but also lasting memories; he
32 was widely known for his warmth, humor, and welcoming
33 spirit, qualities that enabled him to form lasting
34 friendships and to make others feel valued and at ease in
35 his presence; and

36 WHEREAS, he is preceded by his father, Ervin Turner;
37 mother, Johnnie Bell Lankford; and brother, David Lloyd
38 Turner; and

39 WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his loving
40 wife of 55 years, Carol Turner; children, Corey Raybon
41 (Matt) and Walt Turner (Sandi); grandchildren, Hope Griffin
42 (Nick), Raegan Reynolds, Brady Turner, Blake Turner (Lexie),
43 and Gabe Reynolds; great-granddaughters, Addison and
44 Charlotte; brother, Rickey Turner (Carolyn); sister, Karen
45 Hobbs (Marc); and his legacy lives on in the hearts of his
46 multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and
47 countless friends who were touched by his kindness and
48 spirit; and

49 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner was a valued member of the
50 community and loved by many; we join with others to
51 celebrate his life and to mourn his death; although his
52 presence will be greatly missed, his memory will be
53 cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were
54 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

55 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
56 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Walter E. Turner



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57 is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn his
58 death, we also celebrate his life; this resolution is
59 offered with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief
60 is shared by many.