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HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
CHANTE' LATRICE CHATMAN.

WHEREAS, with profound sorrow, we note the untimely passing of Chante' Latrice Chatman of Oxford, Alabama, on March 10, 2026, while we also celebrate with thanksgiving the 50 years that she brightened the lives of her loving family, many friends, and the community where she was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, born on March 8, 1976, Chante' was the fifth child of Henry and Flossie Chatman; she was a 1994 graduate of Munford High School in Talladega County, followed by her achievement of two degrees from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University and an Education Specialist degree from Argosy University-Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, Chante' was a proud member of the Order of Eastern Star and a blessed sister of the Iota Mu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, Incorporated; she also shared her beautiful singing talents with the National Pan-Hellenic Council choir and the Southeastern AKA choir; and

WHEREAS, she was a beloved educator, colleague, mentor, and friend for Oxford City Schools, most recently serving as a Reading Specialist at Oxford High School; to her students, Ms. Chatman was far more than a teacher; she



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29 was a constant encourager, a cheerleader for their dreams,
30 and someone who believed deeply in the potential of every
31 student who walked through her classroom doors; she had a
32 remarkable way of making people feel seen, heard, and
33 valued; and

34 WHEREAS, the messages her students have left on her
35 classroom door speak volumes about the impact she made;
36 phrases such as, "Thank you for everything; I will make you
37 proud," and "You were more than a teacher; you were a
38 guiding light and a caring heart," reflect how much Ms.
39 Chatman changed lives; and

40 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly
41 missed, the memory of Chante' Chatman will be cherished in
42 the hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
44 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Chante' Latrice
45 Chatman is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn
46 her death and the loss it represents, we also celebrate her
47 kind spirit, which will remain a lasting inspiration,
48 carried forward by those she cherished so dearly.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the words of Sam Walter
50 Foss, author of the poem, "The House by the Side of the
51 Road," may provide some comfort in this time of tremendous
52 loss: "Let me live in my house by the side of the road,
53 Where the race of men go by - They are good, they are bad,
54 they are weak, they are strong, Wise, foolish - so am I.
55 Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat, Or hurl the



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56 cynic's ban? Let me live in my house by the side of the road
57 And be a friend to man."