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HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOHN BARRATT RUDULPH, JR.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the passing of John Barratt Rudolph, Jr. in Birmingham, Alabama, on March 20, 2026, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, his departure leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the community where he was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, born on July 27, 1946, in Birmingham, John was raised in Mountain Brook and spent his summers along the Gulf Coast at his family's home, Perdido, in Orange Beach, a place that remained meaningful to him through the years; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from The University of Alabama with a degree in political science before serving four years in the United States Army, including time stationed in Korea; after his military service, he moved to Tampa, Florida, where he began his career in real estate and met his wife; together, they eventually returned to Birmingham where he took over his father's business, Rudolph Real Estate; for three decades, he and his wife built a respected and enduring business that served families across the region until his retirement in 2014; and

WHEREAS, he found great joy in time spent with family and close friends; John loved returning to Perdido, sharing



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29 the family home with those he loved, and creating lasting
30 memories through catching mullet, setting crab traps,
31 fishing, shrimping, and scuba diving; in his later years,
32 his greatest fulfillment came from being present for his
33 family, helping raise his grandchildren, and caring deeply
34 for his wife; and

35 WHEREAS, John is remembered as a man of quiet
36 generosity and deep compassion; he consistently made himself
37 available to others and gave freely of his time,
38 particularly through his involvement with his church,
39 Cathedral Church of the Advent, Firehouse Shelter, and
40 M-Power Ministries; his life reflected a steady commitment
41 to serving his community and supporting those in need; and

42 WHEREAS, John was preceded in death by his parents,
43 John Barratt Rudulph and Charlotte Garber Rudulph; and
44 brother, James Garber Rudulph; he is survived by his devoted
45 wife, Sandra Chieka Rudulph; loving sons, John Barratt
46 Rudulph III and Michael Evans Rudulph (Neil Rafferty);
47 sister, Frances Wilkinson; beloved grandchildren, Adam
48 Rudulph, Barratt Rudulph, and Elizabeth Rudulph; and special
49 nieces and nephews, Jake Rudulph, Barratt Rudulph, Charlotte
50 Heins, and Ben Wilkinson; and

51 WHEREAS, John Rudulph's legacy lives on in the people
52 he loved and the lives he quietly touched; now therefore,

53 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
54 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of John Barratt
55 Rudulph, Jr. is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we
56 mourn his death and the loss it represents, we also



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57 celebrate his faith, kindness, and spirit, which will remain
58 a lasting inspiration, carried forward by the family he
59 cherished so dearly.