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4 HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
5 SERGEANT FRANK STEWART SMITH, SR.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note the
8 death of Sergeant Frank Stewart Smith, Sr. on January 22,
9 2026, at the age of 84; he was a devoted servant of God,
10 country, family, and his community; and

11 WHEREAS, Frank was born on December 24, 1942, in
12 Bessemer, Alabama, to Mattie Towns and Frank Smith; at an
13 early age, Frank accepted Christ as his personal Savior and
14 remained steadfast in his faith throughout his life; he was
15 a lifetime and faithful member of First Baptist Church of
16 Old Jonesboro, where his presence, commitment, and Christian
17 walk were evident until his passing; and

18 WHEREAS, concluding his graduation from Brighton High
19 School, Frank answered the call to serve his country and
20 enlisted in the United States Army, where he served for 22
21 years; through dedication, courage, and unwavering
22 patriotism, he rose to the rank of Sergeant First Class; his
23 military service was marked by discipline, leadership, and
24 perseverance, earning him the respect of his peers and the
25 gratitude of a nation; and

26 WHEREAS, following his military retirement, Sergeant
27 Smith continued his life of service through his professional
28 career; he worked faithfully at the Veterans Affairs



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Hospital for many years; he remained committed to caring for and supporting fellow veterans and never wavered in his dedication to those who had also served their country; and

WHEREAS, Frank was married to the love of his life, Mentholia Jenkins Smith, and together they built a strong and loving union; from this union, four children were born, whom he cherished deeply and loved unconditionally; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife and siblings, Freddie Odessa Parker, Francis Davis, and Thomas James Towns; he is survived by his four loving children, Frank Smith, Jr., Marcellia Smith, Mentholia "Minnie" Smith, and Mattie Smith Garrett (Cedric, Sr.); five grandchildren, Chante' Smith, Michael Smith, Arie' Smith, Jordyn A. Horn, and Cedric Garrett, Jr.; four great-grandchildren, Erion McKenzie, Kae'lyn Smith, Zaiden Smith, and Zarr Smith; special friend, Gwendolyn Britton; bonus son, Joe Larry Lewis, Jr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep love and integrity, Frank Smith cherished his family and took great pride in his community; he was known for his strength, wisdom, generosity, and steadfast spirit; these qualities will forever live on through those he loved and those who loved him; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Sergeant Frank Stewart Smith, Sr. is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with



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57 heartfelt sympathy for his family, whose grief is shared by
58 many.