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4 HR\_\_\_\_\_ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
5 PHILLIP MAYS.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
8 passing of Phillip Mays of Montgomery, Alabama, on January  
9 19, 2026, while we also celebrate his beautiful, fulfilling  
10 life; and

11 WHEREAS, his departure leaves a void in the lives of  
12 his loved ones, and he will be lovingly remembered by the  
13 countless lives he touched; and

14 WHEREAS, Phillip Mays was born on September 25, 1946,  
15 in Crawford, Mississippi, to his mother, Joyce Elaine  
16 Sydney; he was united in marriage to his best friend and the  
17 love of his life, Vera Walls, in 1970; they shared a happy  
18 home filled with mutual love and respect; and

19 WHEREAS, Phillip Mays proudly served his country as a  
20 Corporal in the United States Marine Corps; he served with  
21 distinction in the Vietnam War; and he continued his  
22 commitment to service as a member of the National Guard in  
23 Clarke County; his dedication, discipline, and sense of duty  
24 were evident throughout his life; and

25 WHEREAS, Philip was an accomplished scholar, having  
26 graduated from Auburn University and Troy University; he  
27 built a meaningful career with the State of Alabama as a  
28 Mental Health Psychologist III; he was also a licensed

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29 Psychometrist, a role through which he touched the lives of  
30 many with compassion, professionalism, and care; and

31 WHEREAS, he had a sharp mind and thoughtful spirit;  
32 he enjoyed playing chess and had a deep appreciation for  
33 music, both of which reflected his analytical nature and  
34 creative soul; he was also a student of martial arts and  
35 achieved a Third Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo; and

36 WHEREAS, he held a deep devotion to his family and is  
37 survived by his loving wife Vera; beloved daughter, Stacy  
38 Mays Turner; grandchildren, Akira Harper and Constance  
39 Turner; great-grandchildren, Braylin Harper and Avan Harper;  
40 and a host of extended family and valued friends; and

41 WHEREAS, Phillip Mays will be remembered as a man of  
42 wisdom, integrity, service, and quiet strength whose legacy  
43 lives on through the many lives he influenced and the family  
44 he loved dearly; now therefore,

45 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
46 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Phillip Mays is  
47 recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered  
48 in tribute to his life and legacy to his family whose grief  
49 is shared by many.