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3 By Representative Jackson
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4 HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH OF SAMUEL RALPH GARRETT, JR.

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6 WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note the
7 death of Samuel Ralph Garrett, Jr. of Thomasville, Alabama,
8 on January 14, 2026, at the age of 75; and

9 WHEREAS, Samuel was born on May 6, 1950, to Samuel
10 Ralph Garrett, Sr. and Amanda Johnson Garrett; and

11 WHEREAS, he confessed his hope in Christ at an early
12 age and was a member of various churches over the years, and
13 subsequently joined the St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church
14 in Montgomery, Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, Samuel was the first Black male student to
16 attend Thomasville High School and was a high achiever, an
17 honor roll student, played clarinet in the band, played
18 football, and graduated high school ahead of his time; and

19 WHEREAS, he attended undergraduate school at Southern
20 University, and later transferred to The University of
21 Alabama (UA) to complete his Bachelor's Degree; while at UA,
22 he pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated; and

23 WHEREAS, after his undergraduate studies, he moved to
24 Buffalo, New York, where he attended the University of
25 Buffalo and completed his degree in police science studies;
26 he later earned a Master of Science Degree and concluded his
27 studies at the Institute of Investigative Sciences; he was
28 later employed by Pohlman Foundry; this began a long and

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29 successful career with Ford Motor Company in Buffalo and
30 later in Dearborn, Michigan; he served as plan specialist
31 for retirement administration; and

32 WHEREAS, while he was in college he met the love of
33 his life, Audrey W. Ayers, and they were happily married for
34 52 years and reared a son; and

35 WHEREAS, during his leisure time Samuel enjoyed
36 riding across country on his prized Harley-Davidson motor
37 bike or target shooting at the range, where he was a
38 certified instructor; he was a great cook and could prepare
39 an incredible meal; he was a mild-mannered man with a steady
40 presence and a warm sense of humor; and

41 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father; he
42 is survived by his loving and devoted wife; son, Jarvis
43 Marcus Garrett; grandchildren, Dorian Monet Garrett, Celeste
44 Garrett, Brendon Garrett, and Cameron Garrett;
45 great-grandchildren, Lauren, Emery, London, and Nova;
46 sister, Linda Jackson (Vincent); brother, Alan Ray Garrett
47 (Margie); and a host of nieces and nephews; now therefore,

48 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
49 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Samuel Ralph
50 Garrett, Jr. is recorded with deep sadness, and this
51 resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with
52 heartfelt sympathy for his family, whose grief is shared by
53 many.