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4 HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
5 KENNETH THOMPSON.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note the
8 death of Kenneth "Kenny" Thompson of Hartselle, Alabama, on
9 January, 25, 2026, at the age of 78; he was a devoted
10 community member, teacher, leader, and friend to many; and

11 WHEREAS, Kenny was born on July 11, 1947, in
12 Tallapoosa County, Alabama, to Duel Thompson and Johnnie
13 Lucille Wood Thompson; and

14 WHEREAS, as an employee of the Morgan County Board of
15 Education as a teacher, principal, and coach, Kenny helped
16 shape the minds of generations of young people; and

17 WHEREAS, his service to his city was remarkable, he
18 was the longest-serving member of the Hartselle City
19 Council; he served for nearly four decades, first from 1980
20 to 1992 and again from 2004 to 2025, most recently serving
21 as the council president; and

22 WHEREAS, Kenny was known as an intelligent leader who
23 had a keen ability to defuse tense situations; throughout
24 his time serving on the city council, Kenny was able to calm
25 people down and be a voice of reason; he was a tremendous
26 supporter of Hartselle and genuinely cared about all of its
27 residents; and

28 WHEREAS, in addition to his public service, Kenny was



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29 known for his work as a home builder in Hartselle and Fort
30 Morgan; he was a financial expert and he shared his
31 knowledge about the stock market with his friends; he
32 imparted wisdom and taught others about patience and people;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, he never met a stranger and always had a
35 funny story to tell; he was loved by everyone he
36 encountered, and his presence will be deeply missed; and

37 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; he
38 is survived by his wife of 55 years, Revenia Hardin
39 Thompson; son, Ashley Thompson; brother-in-law, Lynn Hardin
40 (Beth); sister-in-law, Gail Garner (Paul); and several
41 cousins; now therefore,

42 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
43 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Kenneth "Kenny"
44 Thompson is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution
45 is offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt
46 sympathy for his family, whose grief is shared by many.