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SJR___ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF NORMAN WENDELL ARNOLD.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note the death of Norman Wendell Arnold of Montgomery, Alabama, on March 27, 2026, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, he was born on October 13, 1941, in Moffat, Alabama, to Matt and Bertha H. Arnold; Norman was raised in Brent, where he graduated from Bibb County High School; and

WHEREAS, he attended The University of Alabama and was a lifelong fan of the Crimson Tide; a true patriot, his deep love for this state and nation led to a career of service; and

WHEREAS, Norman served 38 years at the State of Alabama Military Department and 39 years as a Public Information Officer for the Alabama National Guard; he found great enjoyment in being the speech writer for 12 adjutants general and the media spokesman for the Guard; he spent five years following his retirement serving as an Ombudsman for the Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve organization; and

WHEREAS, he was a devoted and loyal follower of Christ; on Sundays and Wednesdays, Norman could be found at Eastern Hills Baptist Church, where he was a devoted member for 46 years, serving as a deacon, Sunday school teacher,



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29 and kitchen server; and

30 WHEREAS, many Friday nights, Norman could be found
31 wearing a white cap on an Alabama high school football
32 field; his deep passion for sports was evident through the
33 more than 25 years he spent officiating high school football
34 and basketball with the Central Alabama Football and
35 Basketball Officials Associations; his athletic service
36 extended even further with more than 30 years of service on
37 the Jimmy Hitchcock Award Committee and as a board member of
38 that organization; and

39 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and
40 siblings, Ruth Thompson, Flo Bailey, Shirley Lewis, and
41 Harold Arnold; and

42 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Cynthia Arnold;
43 children, Troy Arnold (Tracey) and Brittney Gardner (Jason);
44 grandchildren, Morgan Jennings (Chris), Mary-Kate Partin,
45 Ann-Stallings Gardner, Mary-Hallman Gardner, Mackenzie
46 Bowdoin (Hunter), and Blayne Battaglia; great-grandchildren,
47 Braxton Jennings and Emersyn Jennings; sisters, Linda Cox
48 and Brenda Dial (Eddie); and a host of nieces and nephews;
49 and

50 WHEREAS, Norman will be remembered for his kind
51 disposition, quick wit, humble nature, and strong work
52 ethic; but most of all, he will be remembered for his deep
53 love for his Savior Jesus Christ, family, and friends,
54 especially his best friend, Al Steineker; now therefore,

55 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
56 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Norman Wendell



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57 Arnold is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
58 offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt
59 sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.