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3 By Senators Allen, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley, Bell, Butler,  
4 Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman, Coleman-Madison,  
5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Hovey, Jones,  
6 Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts,  
7 Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart, Stutts,  
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Williams, Woods  
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4 SJR\_\_\_\_ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOHN  
5 WALLER GILES.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
8 passing of Mr. John Waller Giles at the age of 71 in  
9 Luverne, Alabama, while we also celebrate his compassion,  
10 advocacy, and public service that aided many during his  
11 lifetime; and

12 WHEREAS, his departure on January 17, 2026, leaves a  
13 void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and  
14 the community where he was highly regarded; and

15 WHEREAS, born on September 27, 1954, in Orlando,  
16 Florida, John was the second son of William Ollie Giles, Sr.  
17 and Mary Ella Waller Giles; and

18 WHEREAS, John was a lifelong resident of Montgomery  
19 and Honoraville, Alabama; he graduated from Robert E. Lee  
20 High School in Montgomery and joined the family business,  
21 Giles Enterprises, Inc., for the first part of his career;  
22 he then founded Peaches'n Clean, a carpet-cleaning business  
23 still in operation today; and

24 WHEREAS, he also held a variety of public positions;  
25 he served as the Small Business Advocate for the State of  
26 Alabama and Chief of Existing Business Industry Services  
27 under Governor Guy Hunt and served as the Appointment  
28 Secretary for Governor Fob James; he then served as

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29 President of the Christian Coalition of Alabama; in that  
30 role, he developed a voting "report card" for Alabama  
31 legislators so constituents would know the voting records of  
32 their elected officials; in addition, John became a regular  
33 article contributor to *The Alabama Gazette*; he most recently  
34 worked for First Citizens Bank of Luverne; and

35 WHEREAS, John's journey of faith led him to convert  
36 to the Roman Catholic Church in 2004; he was a staunch  
37 advocate of the unborn, serving as President of Choose Life  
38 Alabama, which sponsors the Choose Life/Support Adoption  
39 license plates in the State of Alabama; and

40 WHEREAS, John was larger than life; he loved laughter  
41 and was bold, sharing his faith and time with all who called  
42 on him; his family is a testament to the love he had for his  
43 Sovereign God; and

44 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, John was  
45 preceded in death by his brother, William Ollie Giles, Jr.;  
46 and son, Micah Worthington Giles; his survivors include his  
47 devoted wife of 53 years, Deborah Woodley Giles; children,  
48 Zaviera Giles George (David) and Stephen Chadwick Giles  
49 (Melisa); grandchildren, Kendall George Leoffler (Joe),  
50 Rebekah George, Elizabeth George, Deborah George, Seth  
51 George, Anna George, Luke George, Oliver George, Vivian  
52 George, Victoria Giles, Felicity Giles, and Carolina Giles;  
53 two great-grandchildren, Peter Leoffler and Maximilian  
54 Leoffler; sister, Caroline Giles Mixon (Delano); brother,  
55 Ted Giles (Donna); and many beloved nieces, nephews, and  
56 extended family and friends; and



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57           WHEREAS, John loved lending a hand to anyone who  
58        needed his help; he will be missed by all who had the  
59        pleasure of knowing him; his life was a beautiful reflection  
60        of his faith in Christ, his deep love for his family, and  
61        the joy he brought into every room; now therefore,

62           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
63        HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. John Waller  
64        Giles is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn  
65        his death and the loss it represents, we also celebrate his  
66        faith, kindness, and spirit, which will remain a lasting  
67        inspiration, carried forward by the family he cherished so  
68        dearly.