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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.