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HR \_\_\_\_\_ MOURNING THE DEATH OF DONNIE JEFFREY.

WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we mourn the death, yet celebrate the life, of Dr. Donnie Jeffrey of Troy, Alabama, whose passing on January 28, 2025, at the age of 78 years has left a void in the lives of his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, born on November 11, 1946, in Oakland, California, to Wondell Jeffrey and Mae Price Jeffrey, Donnie Jeffrey grew up in Chesapeake, Virginia, alongside his five brothers and one sister; on August 25, 1967, he married Betty Jane Griggs, beginning a loving partnership that spanned over five decades; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeffrey devoted his life to education and service; he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Troy University, a Master of Science Degree from the University of Tennessee, and a Doctor of Philosophy from Florida State University; in addition to his academic career, he served honorably in the United States Army for 22 years, including tours during Desert Shield and Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Dr. Jeffrey began teaching at Samson High School before joining Troy University in Troy, Alabama; over an extraordinary 46-year career at Troy University, he became a beloved educator, coach, and leader



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29 who profoundly impacted the lives of countless students and  
30 colleagues; and

31 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and  
32 oldest brother, Ronnie; and

33 WHEREAS, Dr. Jeffrey is survived by his devoted wife,  
34 Betty; children, James (Barbara), Chris (Jennifer), and  
35 Rebecca; grandchildren, Danielle, Christopher, Grayson,  
36 Brooke, Kayla, and Logan; five great-grandchildren;  
37 siblings, Vay, Ralph, Bart, Cathy, and Dean; and numerous  
38 nieces and nephews; and

39 WHEREAS, a valued member of the community and loved  
40 by many, his passion for life will be remembered fondly; we  
41 join with others to celebrate his life and to mourn his  
42 death; although his presence will be greatly missed, his  
43 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those  
44 who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

45 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
46 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Dr. Donnie Jeffrey  
47 is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn his  
48 death and the loss it represents, we also celebrate his  
49 life; this resolution is offered in highest tribute, along  
50 with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared  
51 by many.