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4 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RAYMOND GREGG

5 HODGES.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the

8 death on February 5, 2024, of United States Veteran Raymond

9 Gregg Hodges of Cullman, Alabama, at the age of 81; his

10 passing leaves a void in the lives of his loving family,

11 many friends, and the community where he was highly

12 regarded; and

WHEREAS, born in New Hope, Alabama, on November 15,

14 1942, Gregg was the only child of Leota and Raymond Hodges;

they lived in Albertville for most of his young life; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Hodges received a Bachelor of Science

17 Degree in Animal Science and a Master of Arts Degree in

18 Extension Education from Mississippi State University; he

19 later earned his Education Specialist Degree in Education

20 and Supervision from The University of Alabama, Gadsden

21 Center; and

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22 WHEREAS, Gregg Hodges served his country faithfully

for four years in the United States Air Force during the

24 Vietnam War and achieved the rank of Staff Sargent; he was

25 honorably discharged in 1972; and

26 WHEREAS, Gregg Hodges began his extension career in

Madison County, Mississippi, in 1971 as an assistant county

28 agent for 4-H; he then served in Franklin and Etowah

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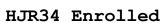


- 29 Counties in Alabama in similar positions until he became the
- 30 County Agent-coordinator of the Alabama Cooperative
- 31 Extension Service in Cullman County, where he remained for
- 32 over 20 years; and
- 33 WHEREAS, Mr. Hodges was a driving force in the
- 34 development of the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center;
- 35 he was also involved in the Farm-City program on state and
- 36 county levels, and he was a part of the delegation that
- 37 received the National Award for rural development in 1983;
- 38 and
- 39 WHEREAS, in 1991, he participated in an international
- 40 humanitarian project requested by Polish authorities after
- 41 the removal of the Berlin Wall; while in Poland, Mr. Hodges
- 42 organized the first 4-H Club and organized a Chamber of
- 43 Commerce for industry in Leszno, Poland; this action opened
- 44 the door to new economic development in the western corridor
- 45 of Poland; and
- 46 WHEREAS, in October 1999, Gregg Hodges was listed
- 47 among the Top 100 citizens of Cullman County Leaders of the
- 48 20th Century for Agricultural representation; and
- 49 WHEREAS, Mr. Hodges served in many other leadership
- 50 roles, including Director of the Cullman Chamber of
- 51 Commerce, President of the United Way, and President of
- 52 Alabama Association of County Agricultural Agents; he was
- actively involved in the Cullman County Cattleman's
- 54 Association, Farmer's Federation, and the Cullman Hospice
- and Housing Authority; recently, he has concentrated his
- 56 service with the Gideons and Cullman First Baptist Church;

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- 58 WHEREAS, Raymond Gregg Hodges was a dedicated
- 59 follower of Jesus Christ, devoted husband, loving daddy,
- doting Paw Paw, and dear friend; he was blessed to marry the
- love of his life, Marie Theresa Hodges, on February 28,
- 1967, and remained faithfully devoted to her even after her
- passing in 2010; and
- WHEREAS, Gregg Hodges is survived by his three
- 65 children; Tracy Thompson (Seth), David Hodges, and Aimee
- Reese (Dave); eight grandchildren, Will Thompson, Claire
- 67 Thompson, Grace Thompson, Cooper Hodges, Katy Hodges, Luke
- Reese, Ruby Reese, and Hodges Reese; as well as many other
- 69 beloved family members and friends; and
- 70 WHEREAS, Raymond Gregg Hodges leaves behind a legacy
- 71 which will long endure the passage of time and will remain
- as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now
- 73 therefore,
- 74 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
- 75 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That although his presence will
- 76 be greatly missed, the memory of Raymond Gregg Hodges will
- 77 be cherished in the hearts of all who knew and loved him;
- 78 his death is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution
- 79 is offered in tribute to his life and service to others,
- 80 along with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is
- 81 shared by many.





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