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HR_____ CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CECIL INGRAM.

WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow and regret that we note the lamentable death of Cecil Ingram of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, at the age of 90 years; known affectionately by most as "Hootie"; and

WHEREAS, Cecil Ingram was born on September 2, 1933, in Tuscaloosa; he excelled in football and baseball at Tuscaloosa High School and The University of Alabama; in 1952, he made a mark in football with 10 interceptions, earning All-SEC honors as a defender, and showcased his versatility with an 80-yard punt return in the 1953 Orange Bowl; recognized as the SEC's top defensive player in baseball, Ingram cemented his status as a skilled athlete; and

WHEREAS, following a season with the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles in 1955, Ingram embarked on a coaching career starting at the high school level before transitioning to college coaching, with stints at Wake Forest, Virginia Tech, Georgia, and Arkansas, and then serving as head coach at Clemson from 1970 to 1972, followed by a role as Associate Commissioner at the Southeastern Conference office; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ingram shifted to administration after his athletic career, initially as an associate commissioner



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29 for the SEC; he then served at Florida State from 1981 to
30 1989 before returning to his alma mater, The University of
31 Alabama, where he was Director of Athletics from 1989 to
32 1995; and

33 WHEREAS, Coach Ingram's career highlights include
34 induction into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame as an
35 administrator in 1991 and receiving the UA National Alumni
36 Association's Paul W. Bryant Alumni-Athlete Award in 2007;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, Ingram is survived by his devoted wife of 69
39 years, Mary Antoinette Snider Ingram; his children Robin
40 Smith (Lynn), Cecil Ingram (Marilyn), and Lane Hunt (Joe);
41 and his grandchildren Cile Byrd (Chris), Lindsey Smith, Kara
42 Smith, Allison Ingram, Wayne Ingram (Tara), and Cole Hunt
43 (Brooke); and

44 WHEREAS, with a heart as generous as his infectious
45 smile, Cecil "Hootie" Ingram left an indelible mark on all
46 who crossed his path; his legacy at The University of
47 Alabama transcends mere accomplishments, embodying the
48 spirit of excellence and camaraderie; as a student-athlete
49 and an esteemed administrator, he epitomized the Crimson
50 Tide's ethos, forever etching his name in the annals of
51 university history; now therefore,

52 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
53 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Cecil "Hootie"
54 Ingram is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn
55 his death, we also celebrate his life; this resolution is



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56 offered in highest tribute, along with heartfelt sympathy to
57 his family, whose grief is shared by many.