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SJR\_\_\_\_\_ CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CHRIS ABNEY ZEIGLER DENDY,  
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WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on July 8, 2023, of Chris Abney Zeigler Dendy at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, her passing leaves a void in the lives of her loving family, many friends, and the entire community where she was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, Chris Dendy was born on March 2, 1944, in Lafayette, Georgia, to Judge W.L. and Lillian Abney; she earned degrees from both the University of Georgia and Florida State University; and

WHEREAS, Chris Dendy was recognized nationally and internationally as an expert on attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and executive function deficits (EFD); her strong influence and compassion enriched the lives of countless individuals and organizations; she was a popular speaker at ADHD training events for parents and professionals offering a welcomed message of hope and devising more lasting and impactful solutions; and

WHEREAS, Chris Dendy served as a teacher, school psychologist, counselor, local and state mental health administrator, lobbyist and CEO of a mental health advocacy organization, board director for multiple organizations,



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29 speaker, and author during her 50-year plus career; she  
30 worked tirelessly to improve ADHD understanding, as well as  
31 the lives of children and adults impacted by ADHD and  
32 learning differences; and

33 WHEREAS, Chris Dendy authored five highly respected  
34 books, including *Teenagers with ADD & ADHD: A Guide for*  
35 *Parents; Teaching Teens with ADD, ADHD, and Executive*  
36 *Function Defectives; A Bird's Eye View of Life with ADHD and*  
37 *EFD ... Ten Years Later* with her son, Alex Zeigler, who was  
38 the inspiration for her work in this field; and *Launching*  
39 *Into Young Adulthood with ADHD ... Ready or Not!*,  
40 co-authored with Dr. Ruth Hughes; she authored and produced  
41 two videos, one with her late husband, Tommy; and her  
42 popular ADHD Iceberg poster has been published in several  
43 languages and has been recognized worldwide as one of the  
44 most effective graphics to convey the complexities of ADHD;  
45 and

46 WHEREAS, Chris Dendy was a passionate advocate, role  
47 model, mentor, and an Alabama treasure; she created a  
48 network of professionals and advocates to continue her  
49 mission and legacy of ADHD and EFD education; she conducted  
50 four days of intensive training sessions on ADHD and EFD for  
51 eight years at her home in Alabama, which she called Camp  
52 Dendy, and through the years personally educated more than  
53 80 individuals from the United States and Canada; and

54 WHEREAS, Chris Dendy was an active member in the  
55 nonprofit organization, Children and Adults with  
56 Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD) for more



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57 than 30 years; she was the lead author for CHADD's ADHD  
58 Educator's Manual and co-founded its teacher-to-teacher  
59 training program; she was inducted into CHADD's Hall of Fame  
60 in 2006 and received CHADD's prestigious Lifetime  
61 Achievement Award in 2014; and

62 WHEREAS, Chris Dendy was preceded in death by her  
63 parents and beloved husband, Robert Thomas "Tommy" Dendy;  
64 she is survived by her two sons, Alex Zeigler (Haley) and  
65 Steven Dendy (Sandra); daughter, Audrey Dendy Grabowski  
66 (Jay); five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters,  
67 Vicki Abney Ragsdale (Gaut) and Dr. Billie Abney; close  
68 friend, Sara Clark; and a host of other family, colleagues,  
69 and friends; and

70 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly  
71 missed, the memory of Chris Dendy will be cherished in the  
72 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

73 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
74 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Chris Abney  
75 Zeigler Dendy is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
76 resolution is offered in tribute to her life, along with  
77 heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by  
78 many.