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3 By Representative Beech  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ENOCH HUGH SULLIVAN.  
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10 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we  
11 receive news of the death of Mr. Enoch Hugh Sullivan of St.  
12 Stephens, Alabama, on February 23, 2011, at the age of 79  
13 years; and

14 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Sullivan leaves a void  
15 in the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the  
16 entire community, where he was well-known and highly regarded  
17 for his extraordinary musical talent and for conducting the  
18 Annual Bluegrass-Gospel Festival in St. Stephens; and

19 WHEREAS, born September 18, 1931, he was a native  
20 and lifelong resident of St. Stephens; Mr. Sullivan was a  
21 self-employed minister and a member of Bolentown Pentecostal  
22 Church; and

23 WHEREAS, among his many honors and recognitions, he  
24 was inducted into the Bluegrass Halls of Fame in Bean Blossom,  
25 Indiana, and Lexington, Kentucky; the Alabama Country Music  
26 Hall of Fame; the Old Time Country Music Hall of Fame in Iowa;  
27 and was a member of the RFD Highlanders Show; in addition, he

1 was a recipient of the coveted Heritage Award of the Arts  
2 Council of Alabama; and

3                   WHEREAS, The Sullivan Family, the legendary gospel  
4 and bluegrass ensemble in which he was a preeminent performer,  
5 was honored by the Brooklyn Academy of Music in New York City  
6 and the Mobile Country Music Association, and the group's  
7 recordings were inducted into the Library of Congress in  
8 Washington, D.C.; and

9                   WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Margie L.  
10 Brewster Sullivan; son, Hugh McArthur (Nelda) Sullivan;  
11 daughters, Sharon (Richard) Tew, Deborah (Mark H.) Warren, and  
12 Lesa (Allen) Bailey; brother, Reverend A. Glenn Sullivan;  
13 sisters, Jewel Sullivan, Norma Del a Garca, Sherry Norton,  
14 Wanda Lepard, and Cathy Massey; 13 grandchildren; and 14  
15 great-grandchildren; and

16                   WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his son, Clyde  
17 Dewayne Sullivan; brother, Emmett A. Sullivan; and sister,  
18 Joyce Coker; and

19                   WHEREAS, Mr. Sullivan was a valued member of the  
20 community; although his presence will be missed, his legacy  
21 will endure and his memory will be cherished in the hearts and  
22 minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

23                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Enoch Hugh  
25 Sullivan is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is  
26 offered in highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt  
27 sympathy to his grieving family.

