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3 By Representative Beech
4 RFD: Rules
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ENOCH HUGH SULLIVAN.

WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we receive news of the death of Mr. Enoch Hugh Sullivan of St. Stephens, Alabama, on February 23, 2011, at the age of 79 years; and

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

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

WHEREAS, among his many honors and recognitions, he was inducted into the Bluegrass Halls of Fame in Bean Blossom, Indiana, and Lexington, Kentucky; the Alabama Country Music Hall of Fame; the Old Time Country Music Hall of Fame in Iowa; 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.

