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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. BOBBY GENE ROGERS.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn
11 the death of Mr. Bobby Gene Rogers of Cottondale, Alabama, on
12 April 5, 2013, at the age of 78 years; and

13 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
14 his loving family and his many friends; Mr. Rogers was
15 affectionately known as "Pop"; and

16 WHEREAS, born on February 1, 1935, to Wyman and
17 Madie Lee Rogers, he was one of seven sons; at the early age
18 of 14, his love of gospel music was recognized by others and
19 gave him an outlet with which to share his Christian love
20 across the nation, a devotion that spanned 60 years; he was an
21 integral part of the Tuscaloosa-based Heavenly Heirs Gospel
22 Singers, serving in many capacities including singer,
23 equipment manager, bus driver, and "always on time" public
24 relations man for the only gospel group to record a platinum
25 album; and

1 WHEREAS, he was also an avid and opinionated sports
2 fan as well as being enthusiastically involved in politics;
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4 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was
5 predeceased by four brothers, O'Neal, Gilmer, Lawrence, and
6 Wayne Rogers; and

7 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife of 58 years,
8 Virginia Acre Rogers; daughter, Tiran (Dan) Byrd; son, Gene
9 (Kim) Rogers; brothers, Louis (Deetsie) Rogers and Reverend
10 Ralph (Maxine) Rogers; grandchildren, Garrett Rogers (Leah)
11 Keith, Colton Brooks Rogers, and Maddie Leigh Rogers;
12 great-grandchild, Claire Keith; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Rogers,
13 Betty Rogers, Mary Acre, Faye Lyles, Esther Acre, and Louise
14 Morris; and numerous nieces and nephews; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers was a valued member of the
16 community who enriched many lives; although his presence will
17 be greatly missed, his memory will be cherished in the hearts
18 of those who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Bobby Gene
21 Rogers is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
22 offered in tribute to his life along with heartfelt sympathy
23 to his family, whose grief is shared by many.