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3 By Representative Merrill  
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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.