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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. RICHARD FRED RUSHING.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death of Mr. Richard Fred Rushing of Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 2019, at the age of 80 years; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Rushing was born December 24, 1938, to David and Ruth Rushing; he was a member of the Birmingham Boys Choir and the prestigious singing group, the Warblers, at Woodlawn High School; known for having the voice of an angel, Mr. Rushing sang in gospel quartets, performing throughout Alabama; he studied piano under James D. Walbert, perfecting his natural gift and filling his home with melodies of the classics and jazz; he attended Howard College, now Samford University, and The University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, while serving as a communications specialist in the Air Force Reserve, he began his 46-year career in the cast iron pipe industry; initially working for

1 U.S. Pipe in Birmingham and Chattanooga, Tennessee, his  
2 unwavering work ethic and interpersonal skills led to his  
3 recruitment by McWane, Incorporated; for the next 27 years, he  
4 took great delight in mentoring his young employees, and  
5 through his charismatic business dealings, he won hearts and  
6 impacted lives all over the country; and

7 WHEREAS, following his retirement in 2006, Mr.  
8 Rushing returned to his passion for singing, entertaining at  
9 numerous venues, bringing joy to audiences of all ages; his  
10 love and devotion to family and friends was exemplified by his  
11 hospitality, his culinary creations, and his selfless deeds of  
12 service to others; and

13 WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife of 59  
14 years, Madelon Logan Rushing, his daughters, Kathryn Rushing  
15 and Sharon Walter (Jim), and his grandchildren, Colin Walter,  
16 Madelon Claire Walter and Eli Nafziger; and

17 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
18 missed, the memory of him will be cherished in the hearts of  
19 all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Richard Fred  
22 Rushing is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is  
23 offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to  
24 his family, whose grief is shared by many.