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3 By Representatives Starnes, Lawrence, Smith

4 RFD: Rules

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4 HJR____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE
5 HONORABLE HANNIBAL MCNEILL GIPSON, JR.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and deep regret
8 that we record the passing of The Honorable Hannibal McNeill
9 "Mac" Gipson, Jr. on July 6, 2025, at the age of 89; and

10 WHEREAS, an outstanding member of the community, Mac
11 Gipson, through his selfless commitment and dedication,
12 served to better the quality of life in Alabama as a
13 business owner, Legislator, Administrator of the Alabama
14 Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board, and civic leader,
15 and he had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its
16 residents; he was known for his commitment to faith, family,
17 and integrity, and he set a shining example for all who knew
18 him; and

19 WHEREAS, Mac Gipson was born on November 22, 1935, in
20 Camden, Alabama, to Emerson Ashmore Gipson and Hannibal
21 McNeill Gipson, Sr.; he started working at 13 years of age,
22 cleaning and touching up cars at his father's Standard Oil
23 station in downtown Prattville; this tireless work ethic was
24 a hallmark of his character throughout his life; and

25 WHEREAS, Mac Gipson received a Master of Business
26 Administration from Troy State University, and he was a
27 proud United States Army Veteran; and

28 WHEREAS, he spent the majority of his life in

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29 Prattville, Alabama, where he founded and operated Gipson
30 Auto Tire, Incorporated, a business he later sold to his
31 sons; and

32 WHEREAS, his entrepreneurial spirit was matched by
33 his commitment to public service; he served four terms as a
34 member of the Alabama House of Representatives representing
35 Autauga and Elmore Counties; during his tenure in the House,
36 he was instrumental in crafting the state education budget
37 as a member of the House Education Appropriations Committee,
38 and he also served as a member of the Travel and Tourism
39 Committee; and

40 WHEREAS, in January 2011, Mac Gipson was appointed by
41 Governor Robert Bentley to serve as Administrator of the ABC
42 Board, a position he continued to hold under Governor Kay
43 Ivey until his retirement in 2022 at the age of 87; in this
44 position, he oversaw the work of more than 800 employees and
45 168 retail and wholesale stores statewide; and

46 WHEREAS, a tireless advocate for small business and a
47 dedicated community volunteer, Mac Gipson served on numerous
48 boards and committees throughout his lifetime; among his
49 many past leadership roles, he was a member of the Board of
50 Directors of the Prattville YMCA and served as Chair of the
51 Board for the Alabama Tire Dealers Association, the
52 Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Prattville
53 Millbrook Sunrise Rotary Club; and

54 WHEREAS, Mac Gipson is preceded in death by his
55 parents; his beloved wife of 57 years, Mary Lee Hughes
56 Gipson; and his brother, Richard Emerson Gipson; and

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57 WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife and
58 amazing caregiver, Brenda Dumas Gipson; four children,
59 Robert Ashmore "Bob" Gipson (Cathee), Hannibal McNeill
60 " Hootie" Gipson III (LeeAnn), Mary Emerson "Meg" Gipson
61 Lowry, and Jo Ella Gipson McIntosh; six grandchildren,
62 Carter Ashmore Gipson (Jason Thomas), Hannah Lucile Gipson
63 Majure (Will), Benjamin McNeill Lowry (Ashlee), Lee Grayson
64 Lowry French (Hershel), John David McIntosh, and MacHenry
65 Monroe McIntosh; five great-grandchildren; brother, Philip
66 Ashmore Gipson (Emilyn); two stepsons, W. Ross Ashley
67 (Lauren) and John R. Ashley; eight step-grandchildren; and a
68 host of other loving, extended family members and friends;
69 and

70 WHEREAS, Mac Gipson's life was guided by faith,
71 family, service, and a deep love for his community; he will
72 be remembered for his sharp wit, generous spirit, and
73 enduring influence on all who were privileged to know him;
74 he leaves behind a world made better by his presence and a
75 legacy which will long endure the passage of time and remain
76 as a comforting memory to his proud and grateful family; now
77 therefore,

78 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
79 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of The Honorable
80 Hannibal McNeill "Mac" Gipson, Jr. is recorded with deep
81 sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to his
82 life and service to others, along with heartfelt sympathy to
83 his family, whose grief is shared by many.