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3 By Representative Carns
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. RICHARD FRED RUSHING.
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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
6 death of Mr. Richard Fred Rushing of Birmingham, Alabama, on
7 April 17, 2019, at the age of 80 years; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, while serving as a communications
21 specialist in the Air Force Reserve, he began his 46-year
22 career in the cast iron pipe industry; initially working for
23 U.S. Pipe in Birmingham and Chattanooga, Tennessee, his
24 unwavering work ethic and interpersonal skills led to his
25 recruitment by McWane, Incorporated; for the next 27 years, he

1 took great delight in mentoring his young employees, and
2 through his charismatic business dealings, he won hearts and
3 impacted lives all over the country; and

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

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

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

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

