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3 By Representative Hall
4 RFD: Rules
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
9 FATHER GARY WARD NEW.

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11 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the
12 death of Father Gary Ward New on April 23, 2017, at 76 years
13 of age, and we uplift his inspiring life and legacy with
14 utmost reverence and respect; and

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

18 WHEREAS, Father New was born in Madison, Wisconsin,
19 on May 4, 1940, as one of four boys; he developed an interest
20 in the Catholic faith while attending college in Evanston,
21 Illinois, and was baptized in Milwaukee in 1962; in 1964, he
22 joined the Salvatorian Brothers' Candidature at Jordan
23 Seminary in Menominee, Michigan; and

24 WHEREAS, he entered the Society's Novitate in
25 Colfax, Iowa, in 1965 and made his profession of vows there on
26 June 29, 1966; he served many ministries as a Salvatorian
27 Brother, as a member of the Formation Board, the Spirituality

1 Commission, the Personnel Commission, and as a delegate to
2 several Provincial Chapters and Synods; and

3 WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor's Degree in 1971 from
4 the Dominican College in Racine and completed his seminary
5 studies at Washington D.C. Theological Coalition and Sacred
6 Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin, where he
7 earned his Master's Degree; and

8 WHEREAS, Father New taught at Mother Mary Mission in
9 Phenix City, Alabama; he was ordained a priest at St. Joseph
10 Church in Big Bend, Indiana, on September 21, 1991, where he
11 had served as Deacon for several months; he had recently
12 reached a life milestone, his 50th jubilee as a priest; he was
13 well-known for his generous donations to the less fortunate
14 and to local charities; and

15 WHEREAS, Father New served as a chaplain at St.
16 Francis Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, before returning to
17 parish ministry, beginning with St. Mary's Parish in Chilton
18 County, Alabama, and then with the Chilton Catholic
19 Interparish Ministry parishes until 2005; he served as
20 Associate Pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Huntsville, Alabama,
21 where he became pastor in 2007 and remained until his
22 retirement in 2012; and

23 WHEREAS, survivors include his brother, Walter;
24 numerous nephews and nieces; and his brothers and sisters in
25 the Salvatorian Family; he was preceded in death by his
26 parents, George and Florence; and two brothers, George, Jr.,
27 and Glenn; and

1 WHEREAS, Father New was a valued member of the
2 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
3 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
4 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
7 Father Gary Ward New, we are extremely grateful for his
8 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
9 to his legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family
10 and friends.