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4 Alexander, Baker, Ball, Bandy, Beckman, Beech, Black,  
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7 Davis, Drummond, England, Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher,  
8 Ford, Forte, Fridy, Garrett, Gaston, Givan, Greer, Grimsley,  
9 Hall, Hammon, Hanes, Harper, Henry, Hill (J), Hill (M), Holmes  
10 (A), Holmes (M), Howard, Hubbard, Hurst, Ingram, Jackson,  
11 Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Jones, Knight, Lawrence, Ledbetter,  
12 Lee, Lindsey, Martin, McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon,  
13 McMillan, Melton, Millican, Mooney, Moore (B), Moore (M),  
14 Morrow, Nordgren, Patterson, Pettus, Polizos, Poole, Pringle,  
15 Rich, Robinson, Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford, Scott, Sells,  
16 Sessions, Shiver, South, Standridge, Treadaway, Tuggle,  
17 Wadsworth, Warren, Weaver, Whorton (I), Whorton (R), Wilcox,  
18 Williams (JD), Williams (JW), Williams (P), Wingo and Wood  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF RENOWNED ROMAN CATHOLIC  
9 EVANGELIST MOTHER MARY ANGELICA OF THE ANNUNCIATION, FOUNDRRESS  
10 OF THE ETERNAL WORD TELEVISION NETWORK.  
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12 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened  
13 to learn of the death of renowned Roman Catholic Evangelist  
14 Mother Mary Angelica of the Annunciation, Foundress of the  
15 Eternal Word Television Network, on March 27, 2016, at 92  
16 years of age, and we uplift her inspiring legacy with utmost  
17 reverence and respect; and

18 WHEREAS, the passing of Mother Mary Angelica leaves  
19 a void in the lives of countless individuals worldwide whose  
20 lives she positively impacted through her meritorious work and  
21 spiritual teachings; and

22 WHEREAS, Mother Mary Angelica was born Rita Rizzo  
23 into humble beginnings on April 20, 1923, and grew up in tough  
24 circumstances in Canton, Ohio; she discovered the  
25 all-consuming love and grace of God through a miraculous  
26 healing from a severe stomach ailment incurred as a teenager

1 and made a pivotal life decision to devote her life completely  
2 to Him; and

3 WHEREAS, on August 15, 1944, Mother Mary Angelica  
4 entered the PCPA monastery in Cleveland, Ohio; a year later,  
5 she received her holy habit and name, Sister Mary Angelica of  
6 the Annunciation; shortly thereafter, she joined a new  
7 foundation in Canton; upon facing a critical operation for a  
8 back injury that would possibly hinder her ability to walk,  
9 she entered a covenant with God to build a monastery in the  
10 South if He would allow her to walk after undergoing the  
11 surgery; after a successful operation, she fulfilled her holy  
12 vision and kept her promise to God by building Our Lady of the  
13 Angels Monastery in Irondale, Alabama, which was consecrated  
14 on May 2, 1962; and

15 WHEREAS, Mother Mary Angelica reached millions of  
16 lives for the Lord through Eternal Word Television Network,  
17 which she launched in 1981; broadcast from her Alabama  
18 television studio, she served as Chair of the board and CEO;  
19 currently, Eternal World Television Network provides 24  
20 hour-a-day programming to more than 264 million homes in 144  
21 countries, broadcasts worldwide terrestrial and shortwave  
22 radio, publishes the National Catholic Register, operates  
23 Catholic News Agency, and engages in other prominent  
24 publishing endeavors; and

25 WHEREAS, Mother Mary Angelica has profoundly  
26 impacted others through her compelling studio productions,

1 spiritual talks, and writings; in addition, Mother Mary  
2 Angelica envisioned the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament,  
3 which was dedicated in 1999; and

4 WHEREAS, Mother Mary Angelica lost the ability to  
5 speak after incurring a serious cerebral hemorrhage in 2001,  
6 but she didn't slow down, and her work remained as efficacious  
7 as ever; in 2009, she was named Abbess Emeritus and earned the  
8 significant Pro Ecclesia et Pontificae Award; and

9 WHEREAS, the world grieves a truly one-of-a-kind  
10 Roman Catholic Evangelist who left a powerful legacy with her  
11 extraordinary, far-reaching work for the Lord and iconic  
12 personality in the loss of Mother Mary Angelica; although her  
13 presence is greatly missed, her memory is cherished in the  
14 hearts and minds of all those who were fortunate enough to  
15 know her; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
17 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of  
18 Mother Mary Angelica of the Annunciation, we are extremely  
19 grateful for her abundant life, and we offer this resolution  
20 in highest tribute to her indelible legacy, as well as in  
21 heartfelt sympathy to her loved ones.