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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. GEORGE BEVERLY SHEA.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss
11 that we mourn the death of Mr. George Beverly Shea on April
12 16, 2013, at the age of 104 years; and

13 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
14 his loving family, his many friends, and devoted fans of
15 gospel music worldwide; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Shea was widely known for his solos at
17 Billy Graham Crusades and his performances on radio,
18 television, recordings, and in innumerable live appearances in
19 varied venues; and

20 WHEREAS, born on February 1, 1909, in Winchester,
21 Ontario, he became an American citizen who traveled
22 extensively across the nation to sing the glory of the gospel,
23 touching many lives with his richly textured baritone voice;
24 his early musical background also encompassed playing the
25 violin, piano, and organ, having been taught by his musically
26 gifted parents; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Shea recorded more than 70 albums and
2 received many well-deserved awards; he was best known for his
3 rendition of "How Great Thou Art," the majestic hymn that
4 transcends traditional gospel music and reaches the soul of
5 every listener of every age in every place; and

6 WHEREAS, although the vibrant presence of George
7 Beverly Shaw will be greatly missed, his legacy will endure
8 far into the future; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. George
11 Beverly Shaw is recorded with deep sadness, and it is directed
12 that a copy of this resolution be provided to his widow,
13 Karlene Aceto Shaw, with heartfelt sympathy to all his family
14 from the people of the State of Alabama.