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3 By Representative Gaston
4 RFD: Rules
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF VERNON ALTON NEWBILL.

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10 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened
11 to learn of the death of Vernon Alton Newbill of Mobile,
12 Alabama, on January 3, 2016, at 71 years of age; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Newbill was born in Leakesville,
17 Mississippi, to the union of Vody Alton and Earlyne Rebecca
18 Newbill on September 25, 1944; in 1962, he graduated from
19 Vigor High School, where he played varsity football,
20 basketball, and baseball and was a member of two state
21 championship teams in football and baseball; while attending
22 The University of Alabama, he was a member of the 1964 and
23 1965 national championship football teams; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Newbill enjoyed enriching the lives and
25 minds of young athletes through coaching; he coached Municipal
26 Park football and baseball for 14 years and the Mobile
27 Christian Middle School Football team for 15 years; he

1 embarked upon his distinguished career as a licensed
2 professional electrical engineer in 1972; he was employed by
3 International Paper for 37 years and by Kellogg, Brown, and
4 Root, for 10 years; he enjoyed his work with many paper mills
5 across the country and gained many friends in the business;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Newbill's life reflected his loved for
8 God and his Son Christ Jesus; he served as a deacon, elder,
9 and a Bible Class Teacher at University Church of Christ; he
10 also went on mission trips to the Philippine Islands; his
11 unselfish, generous, and dedicated nature was an inspiration
12 to the community; he was an affectionate patriarch, dutiful
13 husband, and role model to his family; and

14 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted
15 wife of 50 years, Camilla Ann Jones Newbill; three children,
16 Vernon Alton Newbill, Jr. (Deana), Lana Renee Thompson (John),
17 and Vincent Bradley Newbill (Dana); five grandchildren,
18 Bradford Phillip and Grace Katherine Thompson, Stanley Alton
19 Newbill, and Craig Vincent and Bradley Connor Newbill;
20 siblings, Vaudie Dunn (Bill), James Earl Newbill (Maureen),
21 and Kay Haas (Mark); he was preceded in death by his parents,
22 Vody and Earlyne Newbill; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Newbill was a valued member of the
24 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
25 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
26 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
3 Mr. Vernon Alton Newbill, we are extremely grateful for his
4 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
5 to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to
6 his family and friends.