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8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE PASSING OF THE
9 FOUNDER AND FORMER BOARD CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF RAINBOW OMEGA,
10 INCORPORATED, MALCOM "STENTSON" CARPENTER.
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12 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
13 death of the Founder and Former Board Chairman and CEO of
14 Rainbow Omega, Incorporated, Malcom "Stentson" Carpenter of
15 Eastaboga, Alabama, on November 7, 2021, at the age of 75
16 years; his passing leaves a void in the lives of his loving
17 family, many friends, many families and individual touched by
18 the creation of Rainbow Omega, where adults with developmental
19 disabilities are served in a non-institutional, Christian
20 environment; and

21 WHEREAS, a native and lifelong resident of the State
22 of Alabama, Stentson was born January 25, 1946, to Fred and
23 Opaline Carpenter; he was the oldest of five boys; he
24 graduated from Tarrant High School in 1964; Stentson married
25 his true love, Dianne Poe in May 1965; Stentson and Dianne had
26 Malcolm Christopher in September 1966 and then Micheal Shawn
27 in April 1969; Stentson went to work for Southern Railroad

1 until he and his wife, Diane, decided to go into the mission
2 field; he and his family moved to Texas where he attended
3 Sunset School of Preaching and then he moved his family to St.
4 Croix, US Virgin Islands, to serve as missionaries until they
5 returned in 1985; Stentson began preaching at Tallassee Church
6 of Christ; Stentson and Dianne moved back to Pell City in 1990
7 where they ran a poultry farm and began to see their dream
8 become a reality, the development of Rainbow Omega, which would
9 not only serve their son, Chris, but others like him; Rainbow
10 Omega opened in 1995 with two group homes, serving 15
11 individuals, and today there are 8 group homes, two ICFs, a
12 vocational center and nine greenhouses, serving 85 people; and

13 WHEREAS, Stentson was well known for his tenacity;
14 he did not accept "no" easily; he fought many battles to
15 pioneer the way for the developmentally disabled community,
16 starting with the first ARC (Association for Retarded
17 Citizens) in St. Clair County to taking on the school system
18 for special education classes; Stentson was also well known
19 for his faithfulness to God and his giving heart; he believed
20 in hard work and honesty; and

21 WHEREAS, Stentson was preceded in death by his
22 parents, Fred and Opaline Carpenter; and brothers, Bruce
23 Carpenter and Tommy Carpenter; and

24 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved wife of 56
25 years, Dianne; children, Chris Carpenter and Micheal
26 Carpenter; grandchildren, Evelyn Carpenter, Cynthia Carpenter,

1 and Malcolm Carpenter; and a host of other relatives and
2 friends, including his Rainbow Omega family; and

3 WHEREAS, Stentson was a dedicated servant of God
4 whose contributions were monumental and immeasurable; although
5 he will be missed, his memory will be cherished in the hearts
6 and minds of all who were privileged to have known him, and
7 his legacy will live on through his life's work, Rainbow Omega
8 and those who will benefit from it for many years to come; now
9 therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Malcom
12 "Stentson" Carpenter is recorded with deep sadness, and this
13 resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with
14 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
15 many.