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2 SLZTQ55-2
3 By Representatives Starnes, Lawrence, Smith
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 20-Jan-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE
4 HANNIBAL MCNEILL GIPSON, JR.

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6 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and deep regret
7 that we record the passing of The Honorable Hannibal McNeill
8 "Mac" Gipson, Jr. on July 6, 2025, at the age of 89; and

9 WHEREAS, an outstanding member of the community, Mac
10 Gipson, through his selfless commitment and dedication,
11 served to better the quality of life in Alabama as a
12 business owner, Legislator, Administrator of the Alabama
13 Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board, and civic leader,
14 and he had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its
15 residents; he was known for his commitment to faith, family,
16 and integrity, and he set a shining example for all who knew
17 him; and

18 WHEREAS, Mac Gipson was born on November 22, 1935, in
19 Camden, Alabama, to Emerson Ashmore Gipson and Hannibal
20 McNeill Gipson, Sr.; he started working at 13 years of age,
21 cleaning and touching up cars at his father's Standard Oil
22 station in downtown Prattville; this tireless work ethic was
23 a hallmark of his character throughout his life; and

24 WHEREAS, Mac Gipson received a Master of Business
25 Administration from Troy State University, and he was a
26 proud United States Army Veteran; and

27 WHEREAS, he spent the majority of his life in
28 Prattville, Alabama, where he founded and operated Gipson



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29 Auto Tire, Incorporated, a business he later sold to his
30 sons; and

31 WHEREAS, his entrepreneurial spirit was matched by
32 his commitment to public service; he served four terms as a
33 member of the Alabama House of Representatives representing
34 Autauga and Elmore Counties; during his tenure in the House,
35 he was instrumental in crafting the state education budget
36 as a member of the House Education Appropriations Committee,
37 and he also served as a member of the Travel and Tourism
38 Committee; and

39 WHEREAS, in January 2011, Mac Gipson was appointed by
40 Governor Robert Bentley to serve as Administrator of the ABC
41 Board, a position he continued to hold under Governor Kay
42 Ivey until his retirement in 2022 at the age of 87; in this
43 position, he oversaw the work of more than 800 employees and
44 168 retail and wholesale stores statewide; and

45 WHEREAS, a tireless advocate for small business and a
46 dedicated community volunteer, Mac Gipson served on numerous
47 boards and committees throughout his lifetime; among his
48 many past leadership roles, he was a member of the Board of
49 Directors of the Prattville YMCA and served as Chair of the
50 Board for the Alabama Tire Dealers Association, the
51 Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Prattville
52 Millbrook Sunrise Rotary Club; and

53 WHEREAS, Mac Gipson is preceded in death by his
54 parents; his beloved wife of 57 years, Mary Lee Hughes
55 Gipson; and his brother, Richard Emerson Gipson; and

56 WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife and



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57 amazing caregiver, Brenda Dumas Gipson; four children,
58 Robert Ashmore "Bob" Gipson (Cathee), Hannibal McNeill
59 "Hootie" Gipson III (LeeAnn), Mary Emerson "Meg" Gipson
60 Lowry, and Jo Ella Gipson McIntosh; six grandchildren,
61 Carter Ashmore Gipson (Jason Thomas), Hannah Lucile Gipson
62 Majure (Will), Benjamin McNeill Lowry (Ashlee), Lee Grayson
63 Lowry French (Hershel), John David McIntosh, and MacHenry
64 Monroe McIntosh; five great-grandchildren; brother, Philip
65 Ashmore Gipson (Emilyn); two stepsons, W. Ross Ashley
66 (Lauren) and John R. Ashley; eight step-grandchildren; and a
67 host of other loving, extended family members and friends;
68 and

69 WHEREAS, Mac Gipson's life was guided by faith,
70 family, service, and a deep love for his community; he will
71 be remembered for his sharp wit, generous spirit, and
72 enduring influence on all who were privileged to know him;
73 he leaves behind a world made better by his presence and a
74 legacy which will long endure the passage of time and remain
75 as a comforting memory to his proud and grateful family; now
76 therefore,

77 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
78 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of The Honorable
79 Hannibal McNeill "Mac" Gipson, Jr. is recorded with deep
80 sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to his
81 life and service to others, along with heartfelt sympathy to
82 his family, whose grief is shared by many.

