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HONORING THE LEGACY OF THE LATE GOSPEL SINGER,  
ROBERT HUGH "SHOTGUN" GIDDENS, BY PROCLAIMING AUGUST 6, 2021,  
AS ROBERT HUGH "SHOTGUN" GIDDENS DAY.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we  
honor the legacy of the late gospel singer, Robert Hugh  
"Shotgun" Giddens, by proclaiming August 6, 2021, as Robert  
Hugh "Shotgun" Giddens Day; and

WHEREAS, Shotgun was born on August 6, 1938, in  
Talladega County, Alabama, to Cecil Wiley Giddens and Una Visa  
Hickman Giddens; and

WHEREAS, with a passion for singing and listening to  
southern gospel music, Shotgun sang in numerous quartets and  
trios during his many decades in gospel music and had a very  
successful career; his other achievements included being an  
excellent barber, being elected by the people of Clay County  
to serve as Circuit Clerk of Clay County for 18 years, and  
being honored by the Boy Scouts of America in recent years;  
and

1                   WHEREAS, Shotgun married the love of his life, Linda  
2 Upchurch Giddens, on August 14, 1966; and

3                   WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents;  
4 son, Jamie Hugh Giddens; sister, Mary Catherine Wallace;  
5 brother, Earnest Giddens; and granddaughter, Chastin Roberson;  
6 and

7                   WHEREAS, Shotgun is survived by his loving wife of  
8 53 years, Linda Upchurch Giddens; daughters, Leigh Ann  
9 Roberson (Tim) and Candida Giddens; grandsons, Robert Michael  
10 Giddens, Nyckolous Roberson, and Kyran Roberson;  
11 granddaughters, Kasyn Carmichael, Marki Cochran (Trey), and  
12 Missy Werner (Ben); sister, Vista Hendrix (Richard); six  
13 great-grandchildren; and a host of brothers-in-law,  
14 sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and special friends; and

15                   WHEREAS, Shotgun's incredible legacy continues to  
16 touch the lives of many; now therefore,

17                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we highly honor the late  
19 gospel singer, Robert Hugh "Shotgun" Giddens, and we hereby  
20 proclaim August 6, 2021, as Robert Hugh "Shotgun" Giddens Day;  
21 this resolution serves as a tribute to the remarkable man with  
22 warmest appreciation and admiration.