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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, with a passion for singing and listening to  
20 southern gospel music, Shotgun sang in numerous quartets and  
21 trios during his many decades in gospel music and had a very  
22 successful career; his other achievements included being an  
23 excellent barber, being elected by the people of Clay County  
24 to serve as Circuit Clerk of Clay County for 18 years, and  
25 being honored by the Boy Scouts of America in recent years;  
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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;  
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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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, 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.