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3 By Senator Waggoner
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4 ENROLLED, SJR64,

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

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved wife of 56
 24 years, Dianne; children, Chris Carpenter and Micheal
 25 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.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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