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8 RECOGNIZING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR BENNIE G. ADKINS  
9 ON RECEIVING THE MEDAL OF HONOR.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize  
12 Command Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins on receiving the Medal  
13 of Honor in 2014, awarded by President Barack Obama; and

14 WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is the United States  
15 military's highest decoration and is awarded by the President,  
16 on behalf of Congress, to members of the Armed Forces who  
17 distinguish themselves conspicuously by gallantry and  
18 intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of  
19 duty during service; and

20 WHEREAS, a resident of Opelika, Alabama, Command  
21 Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins earned the honor based on his  
22 immense valor while serving as an Intelligence Sergeant with  
23 Detachment A-102, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special  
24 Forces, during combat operations against an armed enemy at  
25 Camp A Chau, Republic of Vietnam from March 9-12, 1966; and

26 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins  
27 manned a mortar position in the midst of intense enemy fire,

1 carried wounded comrades to safety, and demonstrated numerous  
2 other valiant acts; he finally led his group of soldiers in  
3 evading the enemy until their rescue by helicopter on March  
4 12, 1966; estimations reveal he eliminated between 135 and 175  
5 soldiers of the enemy and incurred 18 different wounds; and

6 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins is  
7 the epitome of a hero; although his great sacrifices during  
8 his service can never be fully repaid, our state is forever  
9 grateful for his brave efforts to preserve freedom for all;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, our great state and country are indebted to  
12 the heroic actions of Command Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins  
13 whose courage and fortitude are unsurpassed; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Command Sergeant Major Bennie  
16 G. Adkins is highly honored and commended, and this resolution  
17 is offered in deepest admiration and appreciation for his  
18 valorous service, as well as with sincere best wishes for  
19 continued success in all future endeavors.