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8 COMMENDING CARL GAMBLE FOR HIS HEROIC ACTIONS IN
9 VIETNAM AND AS A COMMERCIAL AIRLINE PILOT.

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11 WHEREAS, Carl Gamble, while growing up in Madison,
12 Alabama, became enthralled with the F-84 Thunder Jets of the
13 31st Fighter Wing stationed at Turner Air Force Base near
14 Albany, Georgia, and revealed to his mother that he wanted to
15 become a pilot; and

16 WHEREAS, Carl Gamble is a former United States Air
17 Force Captain and veteran whose heroic actions and superior
18 aviation skills were key in saving the lives of his flight
19 crew during the Vietnam War; he received the Distinguished
20 Flying Cross for his meritorious service; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1984, while piloting a commercial flight
22 to Miami, Gamble was informed there was a hijacker on board
23 who threatened to blow up the plane if he was not taken to
24 Cuba; after alerting air traffic controllers that the plane
25 was being hijacked, Gamble, not wanting to put the lives of
26 his passengers and crew at risk, flew the plane safely to
27 Havana; upon landing, the hijacker was arrested; and

1 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to honor Carl
2 Gamble on authoring the book, "A Memoir: My Blue Yonder,"
3 which he will be signing on February 24, 2018, at the Historic
4 Lowry House in Huntsville, Alabama; and

5 WHEREAS, in addition to being an author, the
6 renowned Tennessee State University graduate is a motivational
7 speaker for youth; he and his wife reside in Matthews, North
8 Carolina; and

9 WHEREAS, Carl Gamble is a true American hero who
10 continues to inspire future generations; we are indebted to
11 his valor, and he is truly deserving of highest commendation
12 and praise; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
14 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Carl Gamble is honored and
15 commended, and this resolution is offered to him in deepest
16 admiration and appreciation for his immeasurable service, as
17 well as with sincere best wishes for continued success in all
18 future endeavors.