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3 By Representative Sanderford
4 RFD:
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN GARY MICHAEL ROSE ON RECEIVING
4 THE MEDAL OF HONOR.

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6 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
7 Captain Gary Michael Rose on receiving the Medal of Honor in
8 2017, awarded by President Donald Trump; and

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

15 WHEREAS, a resident of Huntsville, Alabama, Captain
16 Gary Michael Rose earned the honor based on his display of
17 immense valor in 1970, while serving as a sergeant and the
18 only Green Beret medic during Operation Tailwind, which is
19 hailed as one of the most successful covert operations
20 conducted during the eight-year secret war under the aegis of
21 the Military Assistance Command Vietnam-Studies and
22 Observations Group; and

23 WHEREAS, Captain Gary Michael Rose was one of 16
24 Green Berets who joined 120 indigenous troops on the four-day
25 suicide mission deep into Laos; as the sole medic on the

1 mission, he kept the wounded alive, including three critically
2 wounded indigenous soldiers, while ignoring serious wounds to
3 his own foot, arm, hand, and back; he maintained a code of
4 silence about the mission for more than 20 years; and

5 WHEREAS, retiring from the Army in 1987, Captain
6 Gary Michael Rose is the epitome of a hero; although his great
7 sacrifices during his service can never be fully repaid, our
8 state is forever grateful for his brave efforts to preserve
9 freedom for all; and

10 WHEREAS, our great state and country are indebted to
11 the heroic actions of Captain Gary Michael Rose whose courage
12 and fortitude are unsurpassed; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Captain Gary Michael Rose is
15 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered
16 in deepest admiration and appreciation for his valorous
17 service, as well as with sincere best wishes for continued
18 success in all future endeavors.

