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3 By Representative Sanderford  
4 RFD:  
5 First Read: 09-JAN-18

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 RECOGNIZING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR BENNIE G. ADKINS  
4 ON RECEIVING THE MEDAL OF HONOR.  
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6 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize  
7 Command Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins on receiving the Medal  
8 of Honor in 2014, awarded by President Barack Obama; 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 Opelika, Alabama, Command  
16 Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins earned the honor based on his  
17 immense valor while serving as an Intelligence Sergeant with  
18 Detachment A-102, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special  
19 Forces, during combat operations against an armed enemy at  
20 Camp A Chau, Republic of Vietnam from March 9-12, 1966; and

21 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins  
22 manned a mortar position in the midst of intense enemy fire,  
23 carried wounded comrades to safety, and demonstrated numerous  
24 other valiant acts; he finally led his group of soldiers in  
25 evading the enemy until their rescue by helicopter on March

1 12, 1966; estimations reveal he eliminated between 135 and 175  
2 soldiers of the enemy and incurred 18 different wounds; and

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

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

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Command Sergeant Major Bennie  
13 G. Adkins is highly honored and commended, and this resolution  
14 is offered in deepest admiration and appreciation for his  
15 valorous service, as well as with sincere best wishes for  
16 continued success in all future endeavors.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 09-JAN-18.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

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