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3 By Representative Sanderford  
4 RFD: Rules  
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 RECOGNIZING THE MILITARY IN ALABAMA.  
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5 WHEREAS, more than 50,000 Alabamians either serve in  
6 the military or are working as Department of Defense  
7 civilians; and

8 WHEREAS, everyday, four installations across the  
9 state make a significant, global impact on our national  
10 security; and

11 WHEREAS, Redstone Arsenal is an Army installation  
12 and Federal Center of Excellence that is the economic engine  
13 of North Alabama; the Arsenal has a total annual economic  
14 impact of \$18 billion, which is equivalent to more than eight  
15 percent of the state's GDP; and

16 WHEREAS, every day, employees provide critical  
17 support in Army readiness and logistics, space operations and  
18 missile defense, intelligence and homeland security, and  
19 research, development, testing, and engineering; and

20 WHEREAS, Maxwell Air Force Base provides the  
21 foundation for airmen success at Air University, the  
22 intellectual and leadership center of the Air Force; critical  
23 to national security, the more than 12,500 personnel on the  
24 base ensure airmen are ready to deploy in support of U.S.  
25 military operations worldwide; and

1           WHEREAS, Maxwell and Gunter Annex are estimated to  
2 have an economic impact of \$2.6 billion annually across a  
3 three-county region; and

4           WHEREAS, Fort Rucker is the U.S. Army's Aviation  
5 Center of Excellence; more than 14,000 soldiers and civilians  
6 train, educate and develop Army aviation professionals and  
7 integrate aviation capabilities across warfighting functions  
8 in support of commanders and soldiers on the ground; and

9           WHEREAS, Fort Rucker is the fifth largest employer  
10 in Alabama and the largest employer south of Montgomery; and

11           WHEREAS, Anniston Army Depot is a state-of-the-art  
12 maintenance facility recognized for its heavy combat vehicle,  
13 small arms weaponry, and locomotive expertise; the Department  
14 of Defense's Centers of Industrial and Technical Excellence  
15 for combat vehicles (minus Bradley) employs nearly 4,000  
16 employees and operates on a more than \$550 million-dollar  
17 operating budget; and

18           WHEREAS, in Alabama, the U.S. Army Reserves has a  
19 large presence with nearly 30 facilities across the state,  
20 more than 5,000 soldiers and 200 civilians that has an  
21 approximate \$245 million dollar economic impact; those  
22 soldiers answer the call when needed and enrich the strength  
23 of our Army, defending the nation at home and abroad; and

24           WHEREAS, the Alabama National Guard provides  
25 critical support to our state and nation, since September 11,

1 2001, more than 25,000 Alabama National Guard Soldiers and  
2 Airmen have deployed and currently approximately 1,000 are  
3 deployed; and

4 WHEREAS, the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center in  
5 Mobile is a multi-mission unit, acting as the Coast Guard's  
6 aviation and capabilities development center, providing core  
7 training for rotary-wing and fixed-wing pilots, rescue  
8 swimmers and aircrews for air stations throughout the Coast  
9 Guard; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we salute the brave Alabamians  
12 serving in the military and humbly honor their brave service  
13 to protect the freedoms of our great nation; we are forever  
14 indebted to these men and women for the monumental sacrifices  
15 made for the greater good of mankind.

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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 20-FEB-18.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

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