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3 By Representative Sanderford
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8 RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN GARY MICHAEL ROSE ON RECEIVING
9 THE MEDAL OF HONOR.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
12 Captain Gary Michael Rose on receiving the Medal of Honor in
13 2017, awarded by President Donald Trump; 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 Huntsville, Alabama, Captain
21 Gary Michael Rose earned the honor based on his display of
22 immense valor in 1970, while serving as a sergeant and the
23 only Green Beret medic during Operation Tailwind, which is
24 hailed as one of the most successful covert operations
25 conducted during the eight-year secret war under the aegis of
26 the Military Assistance Command Vietnam-Studies and
27 Observations Group; and

1 WHEREAS, Captain Gary Michael Rose was one of 16
2 Green Berets who joined 120 indigenous troops on the four-day
3 suicide mission deep into Laos; as the sole medic on the
4 mission, he kept the wounded alive, including three critically
5 wounded indigenous soldiers, while ignoring serious wounds to
6 his own foot, arm, hand, and back; he maintained a code of
7 silence about the mission for more than 20 years; and

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

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

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