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3 By Representative Morrow  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 RECOGNIZING CODY BRAGWELL AND CALEB THOMPSON ON  
9 THEIR MAGNANIMOUS EFFORTS IN ORGANIZING OPERATION 22, A  
10 22-MILE WALK TO RAISE AWARENESS OF SUICIDE AMONG MILITARY  
11 VETERANS AND ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS.

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13 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
14 presented to Cody Bragwell and Caleb Thompson on their  
15 magnanimous efforts in organizing Operation 22, a 22-mile walk  
16 to raise awareness of the high rates of suicide among military  
17 veterans and active service members on March 10, 2018; and

18 WHEREAS, current statistics reveal that as many as  
19 22 veterans commit suicide per day in the United States; this  
20 sobering fact highlights the necessity of offering counseling  
21 services to veterans; invaluable members of our community and  
22 workforce, veterans are equipped with remarkable  
23 problem-solving skills and offer a unique worldview as a  
24 result of their military service; in demonstrating our immense  
25 appreciation for their sacrifices, we need to remind veterans  
26 of how valuable they are and that they will not face any  
27 personal battles alone; and

1                   WHEREAS, the brainchild of Cody Bragwell and Caleb  
2 Thompson, Operation 22 will begin at Southside Baptist Church  
3 in Russellville, Alabama, and conclude with a charity  
4 motorcycle show and a barbecue feast at Natchez Trace Harley  
5 Davidson in Tuscumbia, Alabama; our good friend and colleague,  
6 Representative Johnny Mack Morrow, will follow participants in  
7 his military truck; and

8                   WHEREAS, Cody Bragwell served on active duty with  
9 the United States Marine Corps from 2008 until 2013; stationed  
10 at 1st Radio Battalion, he served in the Signals Intelligence  
11 field and deployed to Helmand Province Afghanistan in 2010 as  
12 a Ground Signals Intelligence Operator and machine gunner for  
13 his team, where he supported the 1st and 3rd LAR and 3rd  
14 Reconnaissance Battalion out of Mobile, Alabama; he also  
15 served as Signals Intelligence Support team leader in the  
16 Sangin area supporting 1/7, 3/7 and operation Branding Iron,  
17 completing his service in May 2013; currently, he resides in  
18 Russellville with his wife, Jennifer Ikerd Bragwell, and their  
19 seven-year-old son, Porter Grant Ikerd Bragwell; and  
20 one-year-old daughter, Evelyn Nance Bragwell; and

21                   WHEREAS, fellow organizer Caleb Thompson served as a  
22 Military Policeman in the Alabama National Guard from 2009  
23 until 2017 and administered protection and security duties in  
24 Qatar from 2012 until 2013 and Garrison MP duties in Germany  
25 in 2015; currently, he resides in Phil Campbell, Alabama, with  
26 his wife, Jessica Young Thompson and their five-year-old,  
27 Renzie Jade Thompson; and two-year-old, Remi Jo Thompson; and

1                   WHEREAS, the great State of Alabama is indebted to  
2 Cody Bragwell and Caleb Thompson's unwavering commitment to  
3 excellence in defending freedom and democracy and serving as  
4 advocates for military veterans and active service members; it  
5 is a tremendous privilege to recognize Cody Bragwell and Caleb  
6 Thompson and their event, Operation 22; now therefore,

7                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Cody Bragwell and Caleb  
9 Thompson are highly honored and commended on their laudable  
10 efforts in organizing Operation 22 and advocacy for veterans  
11 and active military service members, and this resolution is  
12 offered to them in highest tribute, as well as with sincere  
13 best wishes, for continued success in all future endeavors.