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8 HONORING AMERICANS KILLED IN THE JAPANESE ATTACK ON
9 PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII.

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11 WHEREAS, at 7:55 a.m. on December 7, 1941, the
12 Japanese Navy launched an attack on the United States Pacific
13 Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in one of the most notorious
14 acts of unprovoked aggression in world military history; and

15 WHEREAS, at Pearl Harbor, the Japanese sank or
16 severely damaged 18 American military vessels, including eight
17 battleships, three light cruisers, and three destroyers; 161
18 American airplanes were destroyed and an additional 102
19 airplanes were seriously damaged; and

20 WHEREAS, the attack on Pearl Harbor was the seminal
21 event in the American role in World War II; on December 8,
22 1941, the United States Congress complied with President
23 Franklin Delano Roosevelt's request for a formal Declaration
24 of War against Japan; President Roosevelt famously and
25 prophetically called December 7, 1941, "a date which will live
26 in infamy"; three days later, the governments of Germany and

1 Italy officially declared war on the United States of America;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, while America's entry into World War II was
4 likely inevitable, the Japanese attack hastened that entry
5 and, thus, hastened the end of the fascist governments of Nazi
6 Germany and Italy, as well as the War itself; Pearl Harbor has
7 come to be emblematic of the very nature of the resolve of the
8 American people; the Allied victory in World War II, under the
9 leadership of the United States, established America not only
10 as the preeminent power in the Western World, but also as the
11 foremost guarantor of liberty and peace on the planet; and

12 WHEREAS, the attacks took the lives of no fewer than
13 2,400 American Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and civilians,
14 including dozens of Alabamians; the survivors bear the scars
15 of one of the most brutal and unjustified acts of violence
16 ever perpetrated against the United States, but also the
17 thanks of a great nation and the knowledge that the sacrifices
18 of the living and the dead at Pearl Harbor became part of
19 something much greater; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby honor those
22 Alabamians and their fellow Americans who were injured or
23 killed in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and that we
24 honor the service of the survivors of the attacks.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
26 resolution will be provided to the delegation of students from
27 Theodore High School that will be visiting Pearl Harbor in

1 April 2010, for inclusion in their commemoration of the
2 sacrifices of those Alabamians who were injured or killed at
3 Pearl Harbor.