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3 By Representative Hall  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 11-MAR-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 HONORING WOMEN IN THE MILITARY DURING WOMEN'S  
4 HISTORY MONTH.  
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6 WHEREAS, women have served honorably and with  
7 courage in all of America's wars and conflicts since the  
8 American Revolution; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States military has evolved from  
10 a predominantly male force to a force of more than 14 percent  
11 women who are currently serving on active duty, and nearly 17  
12 percent serving in the Reserves and National Guard; and

13 WHEREAS, the population of women veterans is  
14 increasing exponentially from 1.1 million in 1980 to a  
15 projection of nearly 2 million by 2020, comprising more than  
16 10 percent of the veteran population; and

17 WHEREAS, the projected population of male veterans  
18 is expected to continue to decline; and

19 WHEREAS, given that women in unprecedented numbers  
20 are serving in the military and participating in Operation  
21 Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, the United  
22 States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is working to  
23 provide consistent, comprehensive, and quality health care and  
24 benefits to women veterans of all eras; and

1           WHEREAS, the number of female veterans has increased  
2 during the last decade because there are increasing numbers of  
3 women who are entering and leaving the military and because  
4 women are living longer than men and have a younger age  
5 distribution compared to male veterans; and

6           WHEREAS, even though VA has been at the forefront of  
7 health care and lifestyle solutions affecting an aging male  
8 population, there is now a growing need to improve health care  
9 services for women veterans, ensure that clinicians are  
10 properly trained to provide primary care and gender-specific  
11 care to women of all ages, and identify innovative courses of  
12 treatment and solutions to obstacles that are unique to women  
13 veterans; and

14           WHEREAS, with a rapidly increasing number of women  
15 serving in the military and returning from deployments as  
16 seasoned veterans and often with exposure to combat, VA  
17 facilities and veterans service organizations are working to  
18 ensure that the post-deployment mental and physical health  
19 needs unique to women are also met; and

20           WHEREAS, even though the roles of women in the  
21 military have changed over time and will continue to change,  
22 women deserve to be acknowledged for their military service  
23 and treated with equal respect; now therefore,

24           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we encourage the Alabama

1 Veterans Administration to work in conjunction with the  
2 National Foundation for Women Legislators and the Center for  
3 Women Veterans at the United States Department of Veterans  
4 Affairs, to reach out to all women veterans in Alabama to  
5 identify unique issues impacting women veterans and consider  
6 policy solutions that will improve the quality of life for all  
7 our women veterans.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That by copy of this  
9 resolution for appropriate display, the State of Alabama  
10 honors all women in this state who have heroically answered  
11 their call to duty.

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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 23-MAR-10.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

Senate

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23-MAR-10

Adopted