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(J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren

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8 HONORING DOCTOR SIDNEY C. PHILLIPS, JR.
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10 WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to honor and commend
11 Dr. Sidney C. "Sid" Phillips, Jr., of Mobile, whose valor and
12 extraordinary experiences as a young Marine during World War
13 II have been newly chronicled in the 2010 HBO miniseries, "The
14 Pacific"; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips is a retired family practice
16 physician whose recollections of the horrific early days of
17 World War II provided authentic source material for the new
18 miniseries as well as for Ken Burns' critically acclaimed PBS
19 documentary, "The War"; Dr. Phillips is also the author of the
20 book, "You'll be Sor-ree," recounting his war experiences; and

21 WHEREAS, born in Mobile on September 2, 1924, he
22 enlisted in the United States Marines at age 17 on December 8,
23 1941, one day after the attack on Pearl Harbor; he served with
24 Hotel Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Division, and saw
25 action in a number of famous battles including the Guadalcanal
26 Campaign; and

1 WHEREAS, the survivor of brutal combat, Dr. Phillips
2 witnessed incredible barbarity by the enemy; however, his
3 strength of character enabled him to find his calling and
4 forge a positive outcome from the war; while firing mortars
5 from an encampment next to a surgical tent, he wanted
6 desperately to be able to help the wounded men who were being
7 brought in from battle, and he resolved to go into the medical
8 field upon returning home; and

9 WHEREAS, now in his 85th year, having saved many
10 lives and provided expert medical care to countless
11 Alabamians, Dr. Phillips continues to be the source of
12 inspiration to all those who are privileged to know him; now
13 therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of a lifetime
16 of exceptional achievement and dedicated service to his
17 fellowman, Dr. Sidney C. Phillips, Jr., is honored and
18 commended, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute
19 and deepest appreciation to him, on behalf of the citizens of
20 the State of Alabama, who hold him in great esteem.