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8 Grantland, Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammett, Hammon,
9 Harper, Hill, Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard,
10 Hurst, Irons, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Knight, Laird,
11 Letson, Lewis, Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask, McAdory,
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon,
13 McDaniel, McLaughlin, McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M),
14 Moore (P), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page, Payne,
15 Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford, Scott,
16 Sherer, Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas
17 (J), Todd, Treadaway, Vance, Ward, Warren, White, Williams
18 (J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren

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20 First Read: 01-APR-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 HONORING THE MEMORY OF DR. EUGENE B. SLEDGE.
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5 WHEREAS, Eugene B. Sledge, a native of Mobile,
6 joined the United States Marines in 1943 and served our
7 country with courage and patriotism with the First Marine
8 Division during the horrific battles of Peleliu and Okinawa;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, he later compiled written notes and
11 recollections into a memoir of his military service for his
12 family in a 300-page book, "With the Old Breed: at Peleliu and
13 Okinawa," which was published in 1981; the book sold hundreds
14 of thousands of copies and led to numerous editions; and

15 WHEREAS, "With the Old Breed" is now regarded as one
16 of the foremost books in American literature about the
17 experience of war and is recognized as a unique account of the
18 life of an ordinary fighting soldier; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Sledge's second book, "China Marine,"
20 published in 2002 after his death, provides a powerful and
21 thoughtful account of American troops in their immediate
22 post-War occupation experience, as well as describing the
23 struggles of young soldiers who had lived through such
24 hardship and violence returning to the everyday world of their
25 fellow Americans; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Sledge's work was a core element in the
2 highly regarded Ken Burns series on World War II and is now
3 being used as partial source material in a miniseries on Home
4 Box Office; the series, "The Pacific," tracks the intertwined
5 real-life stories of three Marines, including Dr. Sledge,
6 across the Pacific Theater of World War II; and

7 WHEREAS, after leaving the military, Dr. Sledge
8 earned a Ph.D. in biology and served as a worthy role model
9 for his students as a professor at the University of
10 Montevallo for more than 28 years, where he held firmly to the
11 conviction that education is the key to success for our
12 nation's youth; and

13 WHEREAS, as an avid bird-watcher, Dr. Sledge was
14 motivated by the love of the outdoors and spoke to numerous
15 civic and professional organizations, as well as wrote columns
16 for various magazines, about birds and bird-watching; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Sledge's memory is cherished by
18 thousands of Alabamians, including the members of this body,
19 who honor his service to the United States of America and to
20 the youth of the State of Alabama; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby celebrate the life
23 and memory of Dr. Eugene B. Sledge and that, by copy of this
24 resolution, we extend our sincere gratitude and warm best
25 wishes to his family.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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 01-APR-10.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

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