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8 HONORING THE ALABAMA KOREAN WAR VETERANS AND
9 THANKING THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Alabama
12 Legislature honors the Korean War Veterans who served with
13 valor and distinction as members of the Armed Forces, and we
14 convey heartfelt thanks to them for their service in defending
15 freedom and democracy in South Korea; and

16 WHEREAS, more than 130,000 dedicated Korean War
17 Veterans from Alabama, including some members of the Alabama
18 Legislature, provided unexcelled service and made incalculable
19 sacrifices in what has sometimes been called but should never
20 be "The Forgotten War"; and

21 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama was well represented
22 in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard
23 whose bravery and prowess reflected honor upon America at
24 great human cost, because "Freedom is not free," in the words
25 of an inscription on the memorial in Washington, D.C., that
26 bears witness to the patriotism, devotion to duty, and courage
27 of Korean War veterans; and

1 WHEREAS, almost six decades after the end of the
2 Korean War (1950-1953), we are reminded that more than 700
3 Alabamians were among almost 42,000 Americans who died, and
4 the war's survivors included countless severely injured; these
5 wounded warriors and their fellow Korean War veterans are
6 deserving of special recognition for their heroic service; and

7 WHEREAS, no words could ever do justice to our
8 immense gratitude for the contributions of those who served in
9 the Korean War, but it is appropriate to commemorate this
10 important chapter in America's history and the integral part
11 played by Alabamians in the United States Armed Forces, whose
12 selfless dedication, rigorously trained competence, and
13 indomitable spirit are essential to the survival of democracy
14 and continue to lift our hearts with pride; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a privilege to honor our
17 esteemed veterans of the Korean War and, by copy of this
18 resolution for appropriate presentation and display, we convey
19 highest tribute and deepest gratitude to these meritorious men
20 and women who risked their lives for freedom and must never be
21 forgotten.