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3 By Representative Sanderford
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8 COMMENDING CORPORAL CLEVELAND KING, JR. (RETIRED)
9 FOR HEROISM.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 conveyed to Corporal Cleveland King, Jr., United States Marine
13 Corps (Retired), of Huntsville, Alabama, in recognition of
14 being awarded the Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal with
15 Combat "V," and the Purple Heart Medal with Two Gold Stars for
16 his valiant service during the Vietnam War; and

17 WHEREAS, he was commended with the Silver Star and
18 Bronze Star for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity" and
19 "heroic achievement" on March 1, 1969, and March 3, 1969, and
20 he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action
21 on August 26, 1968, and March 1 and March 5, 1969; and

22 WHEREAS, the belated official presentation of these
23 previously designated medals was scheduled for a 2012
24 ceremony, following a lapse of 43 years from the last date
25 cited in the awards and 37 years after the end of the Vietnam
26 War; and

1 WHEREAS, Corporal King's brave and timely actions
2 were instrumental in saving the lives of several wounded
3 Marines and inspired his fellow warriors of Company C, First
4 Battalion, Fourth Marines, Third Marine Division, as he
5 repeatedly exposed himself to hostile fire and took the
6 necessary steps to engage the enemy and effect the rescue of
7 his fallen comrades; and

8 WHEREAS, in the words of his citation for the Silver
9 Star Medal: "By his courage, bold initiative, and unwavering
10 devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger,
11 Corporal King upheld the highest traditions of the Marine
12 Corps and of the United States Naval Service"; and

13 WHEREAS, Corporal King's additional well-deserved
14 decorations include the Combat Action Ribbon, the Navy Unit
15 Commendation, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam
16 Service Medal with three Bronze Campaign Stars, the Republic
17 of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, the Vietnam Campaign
18 Medal, the Meritorious Mast, and the Rifle Marksman Badge; now
19 therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That United States Marine Corporal
22 Cleveland King, Jr. (Retired) is most highly commended for his
23 exceptionally valorous service during the Vietnam War, and
24 this resolution is offered in boundless gratitude to him on
25 the occasion of the belated official presentation of the
26 Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V," and
27 Purple Heart Medal with Two Gold Stars.

