

1 HJR243
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3 By Representative Sanderford
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 06-MAR-12

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING CORPORAL CLEVELAND KING, JR. (RETIRED)

4 FOR HEROISM.

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

12 WHEREAS, he was commended with the Silver Star and
13 Bronze Star for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity" and
14 "heroic achievement" on March 1, 1969, and March 3, 1969, and
15 he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action
16 on August 26, 1968, and March 1 and March 5, 1969; and

17 WHEREAS, the belated official presentation of these
18 previously designated medals was scheduled for a 2012
19 ceremony, following a lapse of 43 years from the last date
20 cited in the awards and 37 years after the end of the Vietnam
21 War; and

22 WHEREAS, Corporal King's brave and timely actions
23 were instrumental in saving the lives of several wounded
24 Marines and inspired his fellow warriors of Company C, First
25 Battalion, Fourth Marines, Third Marine Division, as he

1 repeatedly exposed himself to hostile fire and took the
2 necessary steps to engage the enemy and effect the rescue of
3 his fallen comrades; and

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

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

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

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 08-MAR-12.

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16 Senate

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Adopted

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