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3 By Senators Dial, Holtzclaw, Taylor, Whatley, Williams, Allen,
4 Beasley, Beason, Bedford, Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman,
5 Coleman, Dunn, Fielding, Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley,
6 Irons, Keahey, Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross,
7 Sanders, Sanford, Scofield, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman,
8 Waggoner and Ward
9 RFD: Rules
10 First Read: 16-APR-13

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4 ENROLLED, SJR71,

5 DESIGNATING ALABAMA AS ONE OF THE FIRST PURPLE HEART
6 STATES IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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8 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military
9 decoration in present use, dating to 1782, and the subsequent
10 formation in 1932 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is
11 designed to foster an environment of goodwill among the
12 combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote
13 patriotism, support legislative initiatives and, most
14 importantly, make sure the sacrifices of our nation's gallant
15 warriors are never forgotten; and

16 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama enjoys a rich history
17 of service to the United States Military; Alabama's sons and
18 daughters have served or fought in every significant armed
19 conflict against enemies of our nation with over 8,000
20 Alabamians being awarded the Purple Heart; and

21 WHEREAS, Alabama is known as the founding state for
22 Veterans Day observances and services, which publicly
23 underscores the commitment of this state to military veterans
24 and their dependents; and

1 WHEREAS, Alabama recognizes and honors Purple Heart
2 recipients in many ways such as the designated "Purple Heart
3 Highway," specialized license plates, and waiver of
4 undergraduate tuition; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby designate the State
7 of Alabama, in conjunction with the Military Order of the
8 Purple Heart #2205, as a Purple Heart State, one of the first
9 in the United States of America.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our support
11 for and allegiance to those brave individuals who have earned
12 this distinguished honor and their families.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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8 Senate 02-MAY-13

9 I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
10 originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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17 House of Representatives

18 Adopted: 07-MAY-13

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21 By: Senator Dial