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5 Fielding, Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,
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8 Ward
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4 ENROLLED, SJR34,

5 ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO WORK
6 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO ASSIST VETERANS IN
7 OBTAINING COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSES.
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9 WHEREAS, a large number of military veterans are
10 returning home from combat and other roles in the War on
11 Terrorism and many of these veterans need jobs in the civilian
12 workforce; and

13 WHEREAS, many of these veterans are trained and
14 qualified to operate commercial motor vehicles and have
15 extensive experience operating CMVs; and

16 WHEREAS, many commercial motor vehicle operators are
17 needed by private transportation motor carriers; and

18 WHEREAS, the Legislature is aware that other states
19 have developed programs which not only assist deserving
20 veterans, but also help the development of good jobs in their
21 states; and

22 WHEREAS, recent federal rule changes have allowed
23 states to consider experience as an operator of a military
24 commercial motor vehicle in the state licensure process; now
25 therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
 2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Department of Public
 3 Safety is encouraged to work with the Department of Veterans
 4 Affairs to assist veterans, including National Guard and
 5 reserve members, who have experience driving a military
 6 commercial motor vehicle and other veterans to obtain a
 7 commercial driver license in this state. The Department of
 8 Public Safety is further urged to utilize all existing federal
 9 rules to determine if the driving skills test may be waived
 10 for military personnel who have similar experience driving a
 11 military commercial motor vehicle.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of
 13 Public Safety is urged to develop rules allowing testing for a
 14 commercial driver license to be given by the U.S. Armed Forces
 15 personnel at U.S. military bases and to develop a program for
 16 the cooperation with the U.S. military to assist applicants
 17 for a commercial driver license who have missing or impaired
 18 limbs as a result of military service.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
 20 resolution be forwarded to the Department of Public Safety and
 21 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Dial