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By Representatives Butler, Farley, Daniels, Blackshear, Hall,
Baker, Shiver, Polizos, Ingram, Hammon, Bracy, Jackson, Wood,
Alexander, Boyd, Sells, Beckman, Drummond, Clarke, Melton,
Carns, Drake, Brown, Fincher, Sanderford, Treadaway, Weaver,
Chesteen, Martin, Garrett, Crawford, Ledbetter, Clouse,
Ainsworth, Gaston, Moore (M), Rogers, McCutcheon, Johnson (K),
Jones, Collins, Nordgren, Faust, Davis, Fridy, Shedd, Scott,
Mooney, Rich, Patterson, Hurst, Johnson (R), Williams (JW),
Pettus, Hanes, Whorton (R), Harper, Williams (JD), Lawrence,
Beech, Knight, Greer, Holmes (A), Boothe, Ball, Bandy, Black,
Buskey, Coleman, England, Faulkner, Ford, Forte, Givan,
Grimsley, Harbison, Henry, Hill, Holmes (M), Howard, Lee,
Lindsey, McCampbell, McClammy, McMillan, Millican, Moore (B),
Morrow, Poole, Pringle, Robinson, Rowe, Sessions, South,
Standridge, Todd, Tuggle, Wadsworth, Warren, Whorton (I),
Wilcox, Williams (P) and Wingo

RFD:

First Read: 18-AUG-16

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OFFICIAL
4 MOTTO OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
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6 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
7 recognize the 60th Anniversary of the official motto of the
8 United States of America, "In God We Trust"; and

9 WHEREAS, believed to have originated in the song,
10 The Star-Spangled Banner, which was written during the War of
11 1812, this phrase appeared on twenty dollar notes issued in
12 1864; a Joint Resolution of the 84th Congress (P.L. 84-140)
13 and approved by President Dwight Eisenhower on July 30, 1956,
14 declared that the motto must appear on any currency issued by
15 the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, various currency designs were considered
17 and it was discovered in 1863 that currency designs could not
18 be changed without legislation; legislation was passed on
19 April 22, 1864, authorizing the U. S. Secretary of the
20 Treasury to include the phrase on one-cent coins and the motto
21 has been in continuous use on the U. S. one-cent coin since
22 1909; and

23 WHEREAS, the use of the motto has been interrupted
24 and even disappeared from various forms of U. S. currency and
25 coins until the 1956 legislation requiring the use of the

1 motto on all U.S. currency and coins; over the years, the use
2 of the motto has also been incorporated in numerous religious
3 and patriotic songs; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2006, on the 50th anniversary of its
5 adoption, the U. S. Senate reaffirmed "In God We Trust" as the
6 official national motto of the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, through the years, the official motto of
8 the United States, "In God We Trust" has endured legal
9 challenges and been upheld as being of patriotic or ceremonial
10 character and not an unconstitutional establishment of
11 religion; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we herein recognize the 60th
14 Anniversary of the official motto of the United States of
15 America as "In God We Trust" and urge all Alabamians to use
16 and support this official motto.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 18-AUG-16.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

19-AUG-16

Adopted