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3 By Representative Clouse  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 HONORING ALL FIRST RESPONDERS IN THE CITIES OF  
9 DOTHAN AND OZARK AND DALE AND HOUSTON COUNTIES.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride in continuing the  
12 "Honoring Our Heroes" Program, a salute to Alabamians working  
13 or volunteering as First Responders, including Firefighters,  
14 Law Enforcement, and Emergency Medical Personnel within the  
15 Cities of Dothan and Ozark and Counties of Dale and Houston,  
16 who have served or continued to serve by protecting Alabama  
17 citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, the ASF Foundation, a nonprofit  
19 organization established in 1982 at the request of the United  
20 States Olympic Committee, and founder of the Alabama State  
21 Games, held its first Olympic-style games in 1983 and will  
22 celebrate its 35th Anniversary in 2017; while awarding some  
23 \$290,210 in academic scholarships, the organization instills  
24 ethical values with a main focus on health, academics,  
25 athletics, and good citizenship, while encouraging patriotic  
26 pride; and

1           WHEREAS, in a continuing effort to honor all First  
2     Responders within the Cities of Dothan and Ozark and Dale and  
3     Houston Counties, the ASF Foundation, the Governor's  
4     Commission on Physical Fitness, and the Alabama Legislature  
5     are partnering to express their profound appreciation and  
6     gratitude on First Responder's Day, June 9, 2017, in the  
7     Cities of Dothan and Ozark and Counties of Dale and Houston;  
8     this occasion coincides with the Opening Day of the 2017  
9     Alabama State Games XXXV, during which the event's Opening  
10    Ceremony will include a momentous tribute to First Responders,  
11    televised from the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds in  
12    Dothan, where a special ASF Foundation Honor Our Heroes  
13    Distinguished Service Medal will be presented to eligible  
14    First Responders in attendance at the Opening Ceremony; and

15           WHEREAS, it is appropriate that all Alabamians  
16    recognize and commend the tremendous services performed by  
17    First Responders who demonstrate daily bravery for providing  
18    safety for all residents of the State; now therefore,

19           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
20    HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on behalf of all citizens of  
21    our great state, we join the ASF Foundation and the Governor's  
22    Commission on Physical Fitness in recognizing and honoring  
23    Alabamians working or volunteering as First Responders,  
24    including Firefighters, Law Enforcement, and Emergency Medical  
25    Personnel within the Cities of Dothan and Ozark and Counties  
26    of Dale and Houston, who have served or continue to serve by  
27    Alabama citizens.

