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8 RECOGNIZING NIMROD T. FRAZER FOR SERVICE.
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10 WHEREAS, lifelong Alabamian Nimrod T. "Rod" Frazer
11 has the utmost distinction of receiving the Silver Star for
12 Gallantry in Action in the Korean Conflict and of building a
13 lucrative career in finance and business; and

14 WHEREAS, Rod Frazer is the son of William Frazer,
15 one of 95,000 Alabamians who served in World War I as a member
16 of the 167th Infantry Regiment, a unit of the 42nd "Rainbow"
17 Division, which played a critical role in defending Paris and
18 in breaking the German line during the Aisne-Marne Offensive;
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20 WHEREAS, Rod Frazer has memorialized the
21 achievements of the 167th Infantry Regiment and the Rainbow
22 Division by providing for a ten-foot bronze sculpture of an
23 American soldier carrying a dead comrade erected at the site
24 of the Battle of Croix Rouge Farm; he established a foundation
25 entrusted with the mission of erecting the Croix Rouge Farm
26 Memorial and acquiring the property on which to build it; and

1 WHEREAS, the 2011 dedication of the Croix Rouge Farm
2 Memorial served as a celebration of goodwill between the
3 people of France and Alabama; Frazer donated the memorial and
4 property to the nearby city of Fere-en-Tardenois in 2012,
5 further increasing warm sentiments between France and Alabama;
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7 WHEREAS, Rod Frazer further memorialized the service
8 of Alabamians in the 167th Infantry Regiment by authoring
9 "Send the Alabamians: World War I Fighters in the Rainbow
10 Division"; published in 2014 by The University of Alabama
11 Press, the book not only documented the achievements of the
12 167th Infantry Regiment, but reignited Alabamians' interest in
13 this important chapter of our history and reconnected many
14 Alabama towns with local heroes who had been forgotten; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2017, in recognition of the 100th
16 Anniversary of World War I, Rod Frazer will again memorialize
17 the service of the 167th Infantry Regiment through the
18 installation of an aviators' monument at Maxwell Air Force
19 Base and a second Rainbow Division monument at Union Station
20 in Montgomery; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby commend Nimrod T.
23 Frazer for his accomplishments in military service, business,
24 and scholarship and for keeping alive the memory of a
25 generation that gave valiantly to the cause of liberty.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express deep
27 gratitude on behalf of the people of Alabama for his generous

1 sponsorship of monuments placed in France and Montgomery in
2 memory of American soldiers and aviators.