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4 Blackshear, Boyd, Bracy, Brown (C), Brown (K), Carns,
5 Chestnut, Clarke, Clouse, Coleman, Collins, Crawford, Daniels,
6 Dismukes, Drake, Drummond, Easterbrook, Ellis, England,
7 Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Forte, Fridy, Garrett,
8 Gaston, Givan, Gray, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hanes, Harbison,
9 Hatcher, Hill, Hollis, Holmes, Howard, Hurst, Ingram, Isbell,
10 Jackson, Johnson, Jones (M), Jones (S), Kiel, Kitchens,
11 Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lipscomb, Lovvorn, Marques, Martin,
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Mooney, Moore (M),
13 Moore (P), Morris, Nordgren, Oliver, Pettus, Polizos, Poole,
14 Pringle, Rafferty, Reynolds, Rich, Robertson, Rogers, Rowe,
15 Sanderford, Scott, Sells, Shaver, Shedd, Shiver, Simpson,
16 Sorrell, Sorrells, South, Stadthagen, Standridge, Stringer,
17 Sullivan, Treadaway, Wadsworth, Warren, Weaver, Wheeler,
18 Whitt, Whorton, Wilcox, Wingo, Wood (D) and Wood (R)
19 RFD:
20 First Read: 21-MAR-19

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 HONORING JOHNNY MICHAEL SPANN, THE FIRST AMERICAN
4 KILLED IN THE WAR ON TERROR, AND CONDEMNING THE EARLY RELEASE
5 OF JOHN WALKER LINDH, "THE AMERICAN TALIBAN," AND HIS ROLE IN
6 SPANN'S DEATH

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8 WHEREAS, Agent Johnny Michael Spann, a native of
9 Winfield, Alabama and graduate of Winfield City High and
10 Auburn University, dedicated his talents and life to criminal
11 justice, joining the Central Intelligence Agency in 1999; and

12 WHEREAS, Agent Spann served with the CIA overseas,
13 an assignment which brought him to Afghanistan during the War
14 on Terror; and

15 WHEREAS, John Walker Lindh, known as "the American
16 Taliban," is a resident of California who willingly joined the
17 Taliban and who studied anti-American propaganda in Yemen and
18 Pakistan, including one seminar with known global terrorist
19 Osama Bin Laden, until his capture; and

20 WHEREAS, John Lindh was confined in Qala-I-Jangi
21 prison in Afghanistan, where Agent Spann was assigned, at the
22 time of the infamous "Battle of Qala-I-Jangi" prison uprising
23 which resulted in the deaths of Agent Spann and many coalition
24 allies; and

1 WHEREAS, court testimony showed that John Lindh had
2 prior knowledge of the uprising which could have saved Agent
3 Spann's life and the lives of hundreds of prisoners if it had
4 been provided during Agent Spann's questioning of John Lindh
5 only moments prior to the uprising; and

6 WHEREAS, despite the overwhelming odds, Agent Spann
7 is reported to have killed seven Taliban militants prior to
8 being overcome by multiple attackers and brutally executed at
9 point blank range by cowards who feared a fair fight with one
10 of America's best; and

11 WHEREAS, in recognition of Agent Spann's sacrifice
12 for the security of his nation and the world as the first
13 American killed in the War on Terror, he was buried at
14 Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., and is
15 honored on the CIA's Memorial Wall as well as with a permanent
16 marker in Afghanistan at the place of his last stand; and

17 WHEREAS, the actions of John Lindh ripped a loving
18 father and husband from his three children and his wife, who
19 now carry Agent Spann's legacy; and

20 WHEREAS, John Lindh avoided execution for treason
21 against the United States in 2002, and was sentenced instead
22 to only 20 years in prison; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2017, the U.S. Counterterrorism Center
24 described John Lindh "as radical as ever" and still
25 unrepentantly committed to Jihad; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we honor the enduring legacy
3 of bravery, loyalty, and service which the life of Johnny
4 Michael Spann so consummately represents.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the actions of John
6 Lindh deprived Agent Spann of an opportunity to experience a
7 long and meaningful life with his family, which he so greatly
8 deserved, and that John Lindh should therefore not be freed
9 simply due to a court order without first serving every single
10 second of his sentence.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this body hereby
12 strongly condemns the recent ruling to allow John Lindh, "the
13 American Taliban," to leave prison prior to completing his
14 full sentence, as this action is an insult to Agent Johnny
15 Michael Spann's heroic legacy and his remaining family
16 members, who have mourned his death daily for over 17 years.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an early release of
18 John Lindh is entirely contrary to American values and is an
19 insult to all who have sacrificed to defend this county and
20 the flag it represents.

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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 21-MAR-19.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

09-APR-19

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