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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,

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

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

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

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

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
9 and was adopted by the House 21-MAR-19.

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Jeff Woodard  
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Senate

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