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RFD: RULES

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HJR___ RECOGNIZING THE HONOR FOUNDATION AND RETIRED NAVY SEAL LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RICHARD CLIFFORD FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THE UNITED STATES SPECIAL FORCES.

WHEREAS, The Honor Foundation is a nonprofit career transition program for the United States Special Operations Forces (SOF) that helps Veterans translate their elite military service to the private sector in order to become part of the next generation of corporate and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the foundation's vision is to impact all active duty personnel within the U.S. Special Operations Forces Enterprise, which is approximately 60,000 individuals, through The Honor Foundation Program by providing career transition support; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2024, The Honor Foundation will hold their Fourth Annual Swim for SOF in San Diego, California; this high-performance athletic event draws together anyone willing to take the challenge in a race that embodies the grit and determination of the Special Operations Forces; and

WHEREAS, we commend proud Alabamian Navy SEAL Lieutenant Commander (Retired) Richard Clifford for his support of The Honor Foundation; LCDR Clifford joined the military in 1986, BUDS Class 142; during his 31 years of

active duty, he served combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, and for his service in Afghanistan he received a Bronze Star and two Combat Action Ribbons; he retired in 2017 and has since contributed to the cause of The Honor Foundation through the Annual Swim for SOF both as a participant and an advocate; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize and celebrate The Honor Foundation and retired Navy SEAL Lieutenant Commander Richard Clifford on their work to support all United States Special Operations Forces; we commend their fundraising efforts at the 2024 Swim for SOF, and we hereby dedicate this resolution to The Honor Foundation with heartiest appreciation and admiration, along with sincere best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.