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8 RECOGNIZING THE MILITARY IN ALABAMA.

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10 WHEREAS, more than 50,000 Alabamians either serve in
11 the military or are working as Department of Defense
12 civilians; and

13 WHEREAS, everyday, four installations across the
14 state make a significant, global impact on our national
15 security; and

16 WHEREAS, Redstone Arsenal is an Army installation
17 and Federal Center of Excellence that is the economic engine
18 of North Alabama; the Arsenal has a total annual economic
19 impact of \$18 billion, which is equivalent to more than eight
20 percent of the state's GDP; and

21 WHEREAS, every day, employees provide critical
22 support in Army readiness and logistics, space operations and
23 missile defense, intelligence and homeland security, and
24 research, development, testing, and engineering; and

25 WHEREAS, Maxwell Air Force Base provides the
26 foundation for airmen success at Air University, the
27 intellectual and leadership center of the Air Force; critical

1 to national security, the more than 12,500 personnel on the
2 base ensure airmen are ready to deploy in support of U.S.
3 military operations worldwide; and

4 WHEREAS, Maxwell and Gunter Annex are estimated to
5 have an economic impact of \$2.6 billion annually across a
6 three-county region; and

7 WHEREAS, Fort Rucker is the U.S. Army's Aviation
8 Center of Excellence; more than 14,000 soldiers and civilians
9 train, educate and develop Army aviation professionals and
10 integrate aviation capabilities across warfighting functions
11 in support of commanders and soldiers on the ground; and

12 WHEREAS, Fort Rucker is the fifth largest employer
13 in Alabama and the largest employer south of Montgomery; and

14 WHEREAS, Anniston Army Depot is a state-of-the-art
15 maintenance facility recognized for its heavy combat vehicle,
16 small arms weaponry, and locomotive expertise; the Department
17 of Defense's Centers of Industrial and Technical Excellence
18 for combat vehicles (minus Bradley) employs nearly 4,000
19 employees and operates on a more than \$550 million-dollar
20 operating budget; and

21 WHEREAS, in Alabama, the U.S. Army Reserves has a
22 large presence with nearly 30 facilities across the state,
23 more than 5,000 soldiers and 200 civilians that has an
24 approximate \$245 million dollar economic impact; those
25 soldiers answer the call when needed and enrich the strength
26 of our Army, defending the nation at home and abroad; and

1 WHEREAS, the Alabama National Guard provides
2 critical support to our state and nation, since September 11,
3 2001, more than 25,000 Alabama National Guard Soldiers and
4 Airmen have deployed and currently approximately 1,000 are
5 deployed; and

6 WHEREAS, the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center in
7 Mobile is a multi-mission unit, acting as the Coast Guard's
8 aviation and capabilities development center, providing core
9 training for rotary-wing and fixed-wing pilots, rescue
10 swimmers and aircrews for air stations throughout the Coast
11 Guard; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we salute the brave Alabamians
14 serving in the military and humbly honor their brave service
15 to protect the freedoms of our great nation; we are forever
16 indebted to these men and women for the monumental sacrifices
17 made for the greater good of mankind.