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3 By Senators Dial, Holtzclaw, Whatley, Taylor and Williams
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4 ENROLLED, SJR9,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF ACCLAIMED FORMER NAVY SEAL
6 CHRIS KYLE.

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8 WHEREAS, with deep sadness, we mourn the death of
9 Chris Kyle, acclaimed former Navy Seal, who died February 2,
10 2013, at 38 years of age; his honorable life and legacy as an
11 American hero is commended and celebrated with thanksgiving;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Chris Kyle leaves a void in
14 the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the country
15 he proudly served; and

16 WHEREAS, born April 8, 1974, in Odessa, Texas, the
17 son of a Sunday School teacher and a deacon, he grew up on a
18 ranch, hunting and riding horses with dreams of being a cowboy
19 and serving in the military; after studying Ranch and Range
20 Management at Tarleton State University in Stephenville,
21 Texas, he worked as a ranch hand; as a young man, he was also
22 a professional bronc rider; he then enlisted in the U.S. Navy
23 with a strong desire to join the SEALS; and

24 WHEREAS, a member of SEAL Team 3, Sniper Element
25 Charlie platoon within the Naval Special Warfare Command, he

1 served four combat deployments in Iraq and earned the
2 distinction of being one of the leading U.S. military snipers
3 of all time; notably, he received two Silver Stars, five
4 Bronze Stars with Valor, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement
5 Medals, one Navy and Marine Corps Commendation, and the
6 Grateful Nation Award, given by the Jewish Institute for
7 National Security Affairs; and

8 WHEREAS, after leaving the Navy in 2009, he moved to
9 Midlothian, Texas, with his beloved and devoted wife, Taya,
10 and two cherished children; he served as the chief instructor
11 for training Naval Special Warfare Sniper and Counter-Sniper
12 teams and wrote the first Navy SEAL sniper manual; his
13 autobiographical book, "American Sniper": The Autobiography of
14 the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History, which he
15 co-authored with Scott McEwen and Jim DeFelice, was released
16 by Harper Collins in 2012 and became a global best seller; he
17 co-founded Craft International and helped establish FITCO
18 Cares Foundation to serve in-need veterans; additionally, he
19 became a reality television personality on Stars Earn Stripes;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, through the years, Chris Kyle earned
22 immense respect for his tireless dedication and exceptional
23 abilities; his unwavering commitment to excellence in the
24 defense of freedom and democracy reflects honor upon the
25 United States of America; and

1 WHEREAS, Chris Kyle was a valued citizen of the
2 United States; even though he is greatly missed, his memory is
3 cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were fortunate
4 enough to know him; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That American hero Chris Kyle is
7 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered
8 in highest tribute to his inspiring legacy, and in heartfelt
9 sympathy to his family and friends.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 18-FEB-14

By: Senator Dial