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3 By Senators Whatley, Dial, Taylor, Beason and Williams
4 RFD:
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4 ENROLLED, SJR163,

5 URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT THE GUARDIANS OF FREEDOM
6 ACT OF 2011.

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8 WHEREAS, multitudes of brave National Guard and
9 Reserve members have been mobilized in the war on terrorism
10 and National Guard military personnel are quickly becoming a
11 major force in the Middle East and Afghanistan, as well as in
12 protecting the United States in homeland security roles; and

13 WHEREAS, similar to active-component military
14 personnel, National Guard members endure long deployments
15 overseas and have sacrificed life and limb for the protection
16 and security of our great nation; and

17 WHEREAS, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau is
18 not a party to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which is comprised
19 of the chiefs of staff of the four military services; and

20 WHEREAS, while the Joint Chiefs of Staff are focused
21 on wartime missions with limited familiarity with homeland
22 defense or Title 32 operations, the Chief of the National
23 Guard Bureau would bring a wealth of knowledge and experience
24 regarding homeland security to the collaborations of the Joint
25 Chiefs of Staff; and

1 WHEREAS, the Guardians of Freedom Act of 2011,
2 sponsored by Senator Jay Rockefeller in the U.S. Senate and by
3 Representative Nick Rahall in the U.S. House of
4 Representatives, would give the National Guard Bureau Chief
5 the same status as the other Joint Chiefs of Staff and would
6 enable him or her to vote on decisions that affect the
7 National Guard; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby urge Congress to
10 enact the Guardians of Freedom Act of 2011 to enhance the
11 roles and responsibilities of the Chief of the National Guard
12 Bureau by requiring the Chief to be a member of the Joint
13 Chiefs of Staff.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
15 resolution be made available for the President of the United
16 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
17 Representatives, and the members of the Alabama Congressional
18 Delegation.

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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: 09-JUN-11

By: Senator Whatley