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3 By Representatives Shiver, Buttram, Bridges, Wood, Merrill,  
4 Sessions, Boothe, Farley, McMillan, Treadaway, Williams (D),  
5 McClendon, Nordgren, Millican, Williams (J), Greer, Johnson  
6 (W), Long, Roberts, Rich, McCutcheon, Fincher, Chesteen,  
7 Henry, Ball, Gaston, Mask, Tuggle, Johnson (K), Collins,  
8 Baker, Weaver, Faust and Brown  
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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
HONORING ALABAMA WOUNDED WARRIORS, DISABLED  
VETERANS, AND FALLEN SERVICE MEMBERS WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE  
SACRIFICE; RECOGNIZING JUNE 22, 2012, AS THE WOUNDED WARRIORS,  
DISABLED VETERANS, AND FALLEN SERVICE MEMBERS DAY IN ALABAMA;  
AND ESTABLISHING THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE MEDAL OF HONOR.

WHEREAS, historically, participating in sports has  
made a tremendous positive impact on the lives of many  
Alabamians, bringing high honor, acclaim, and in many cases,  
worldwide recognition to the state; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has a rich and powerful legacy of  
sports achievement, which continues to inspire and contribute  
to the concept of individual excellence with team sports being  
made up of exceptional individuals who are patriotic,  
well-disciplined, well-rounded, and high achievers; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Sports Festival was established  
in 1982 at the request of the United States Olympic Committee  
to expose athletes, volunteers, and spectators of all ages,  
especially our youth, to Olympic sports and the overall  
Olympic experience with all of its traditions; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Sports Festival has for 30  
years encouraged the youth of Alabama to participate in sports  
for personal enrichment and to perpetuate the sports legacy

1 that is unique to Alabama; additionally, the Festival has  
2 traditionally used its Opening Ceremonies as an educational  
3 tool to remind athletes, coaches, parents, and officials, as  
4 well as viewing audiences, of developments that have occurred  
5 in our nation's history allowing freedom to all United States  
6 citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, the Governor of Alabama, the Alabama  
8 Legislature, and the Alabama Governor's Commission on Physical  
9 Fitness have consistently partnered with Festival programs  
10 allowing youth the opportunity to participate in sports  
11 activities which contribute to the overall well-being and  
12 strength of Alabama; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby establish the  
15 Alabama Legislature Medal of Honor and we urge the Alabama  
16 Sports Festival to present the Medal of Honor to all Alabama  
17 Wounded Warriors, Disabled Veterans, and Fallen Service  
18 Members who made the ultimate sacrifice serving our country in  
19 protecting our nation's security and freedom.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby recognize  
21 June 22, 2012, as the Wounded Warriors, Disabled Veterans, and  
22 Fallen Service Members Day in Alabama.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge that the  
24 honoring of Wounded Warriors, Disabled Veterans, and Fallen  
25 Service Members of Alabama take place at 7:00 p.m., Friday,

1        June 22, 2012, during the 30th Anniversary of the Alabama  
2        Sports Festival Opening Ceremony.

