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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF ACCLAIMED FORMER NAVY SEAL  
9 CHRIS KYLE.

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11 WHEREAS, with deep sadness, we mourn the death of  
12 Chris Kyle, acclaimed former Navy Seal, who died February 2,  
13 2013, at 38 years of age; his honorable life and legacy as an  
14 American hero is commended and celebrated with thanksgiving;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the passing of Chris Kyle leaves a void in  
17 the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the country  
18 he proudly served; and

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

1           WHEREAS, a member of SEAL Team 3, Sniper Element  
2 Charlie Platoon within the Naval Special Warfare Command, he  
3 served four combat deployments in Iraq and earned the  
4 distinction of being one of the leading U.S. military snipers  
5 of all time; notably, he received two Silver Stars, five  
6 Bronze Stars with Valor, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement  
7 Medals, one Navy and Marine Corps Commendation, and the  
8 Grateful Nation Award, given by the Jewish Institute for  
9 National Security Affairs; and

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

23           WHEREAS, through the years, Chris Kyle earned  
24 immense respect for his tireless dedication and exceptional  
25 abilities; his unwavering commitment to excellence in the  
26 defense of freedom and democracy reflects honor upon the  
27 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.