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8 RECOGNIZING THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS ON THE
9 OCCASION OF ITS ANNUAL REUNION.

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11 WHEREAS, the citizen-soldiers who fought for the
12 Confederacy personified the best qualities of America; and

13 WHEREAS, the preservation of liberty and freedom was
14 the motivating factor in the South's decision to fight the
15 Second American Revolution, and the tenacity with which
16 Confederate soldiers fought underscored their belief in the
17 rights guaranteed by the Constitution, attributes which are
18 the underpinning of our democratic society and represent the
19 foundation on which this nation was built; and

20 WHEREAS, the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) is
21 preserving the history and legacy of these heroes so that
22 future generations can understand the motives that animated
23 the Southern Cause; and

24 WHEREAS, the SCV is the direct heir of the United
25 Confederate Veterans and the oldest hereditary organization
26 for male descendants of Confederate soldiers; and

1 WHEREAS, organized in Richmond, Virginia, in 1896,
2 the SCV continues to serve as a patriotic, historical, and
3 nonpolitical organization dedicated to ensuring that a true
4 history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved; and

5 WHEREAS, the SCV rejects any group whose actions
6 tarnish or distort the image of the Confederate soldier or his
7 reasons for fighting; and

8 WHEREAS, SCV members take justifiable pride in their
9 Confederate forebears, men and women, who sacrificed their all
10 for the cause in which they believed; and

11 WHEREAS, the Confederate soldier won the admiration
12 of the world by his courageous fight against an enemy
13 overwhelming in numbers, equipment, and implements of war; and

14 WHEREAS, with few exceptions, Confederate soldiers
15 were volunteers who fought for principles of government in
16 which they believed; and

17 WHEREAS, although defeated, they left behind
18 traditions of faith in God, honor, chivalry, respect for
19 womanhood, and a passionate belief in freedom for the
20 individual; and

21 WHEREAS, our Confederate ancestors bequeathed to
22 their descendants a military tradition of valor, patriotism,
23 devotion to duty, and a spirit of self-sacrifice, and when our
24 nation no longer admires and pays tribute to these traditions,
25 we will no longer remain a free nation; and

26 WHEREAS, SCV members acknowledge an obligation to
27 their forefathers, who gave them the undeniable birthright of

1 their Southern Heritage and the vision, desire, and courage to
2 see it perpetuated; and

3 WHEREAS, the 2013 Alabama SCV Division will hold its
4 Annual Reunion in Foley, Alabama, June 7-9, 2013, with the
5 Fort Blakeley Camp No. 1864 of Baldwin County serving as host
6 camp; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby recognize the
9 annual reunion of the Alabama Sons of Confederate Veterans,
10 and it is directed that a copy of this resolution be provided
11 for appropriate presentation and display on this momentous
12 occasion.