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3 By Representative Weaver
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8 RECOGNIZING EUGENE M. BRICK FOR HIS MERITORIOUS
9 SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II AND FOR PRESERVING THE MEMORIES OF
10 THOSE WITH WHOM HE SERVED.

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12 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
13 presented to Eugene M. "Gene" Brick for his meritorious
14 service during World War II and for preserving the memories of
15 those with whom he served; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Brick was serving as a Gunner's Mate
17 Third Class on the USS Drexler DD-741, when he and his
18 shipmates were ordered to man their battle stations after a
19 hasty trip to Picket Station #15 northwest of Okinawa on the
20 fateful morning of May 28, 1945; he served as the Trainer in
21 Mount #2 under the leadership of Mount Captain, Weldon Ingram;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, the first Japanese
24 Kamikaze plane crashed into the destroyer; a second Kamikaze
25 plane hit the destroyer, which sank 49 seconds after the fatal
26 impact; as a result, 158 men died and 51 men were wounded; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Brick was one of the survivors of the
2 attack, and he has counted his blessings everyday since; he
3 has nobly striven to make sure none of the lives who so
4 valiantly made the ultimate sacrifice for the defense of
5 freedom and democracy are forgotten, but instead are forever
6 honored; and

7 WHEREAS, notably, he established the Drexler
8 Survivors Reunion Association in 1985 and coordinated annual
9 reunions for many years; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Brick's bravery, honor, and loyalty,
11 along with his indomitable spirit, reflect the core values our
12 great country was founded upon, and he is deserving of a
13 hero's recognition; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mr. Eugene Brick is highly
16 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to him
17 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere
18 best wishes for continued prosperity.