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8 COMMEMORATING THE LIFETIME ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND
9 SERVICE OF JAMES G. PATTERSON.

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11 WHEREAS, James G. Patterson, who grew up in rural
12 Lee County, Alabama, left eighth grade to support his widowed
13 mother by selling fruits and vegetables from a truck to
14 textile mill workers in Fairfax, Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, after serving with honor and distinction in
16 the United States Armed Forces in Korea, he returned to
17 Fairfax to serve in the Alabama National Guard; and

18 WHEREAS, on March 20, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson
19 issued Executive Order 11207 directing the Secretary of
20 Defense to federalize the Alabama Guard for the historic Civil
21 Rights March at Selma; and

22 WHEREAS, on the 49th Anniversary of the successful
23 Selma March, it is appropriate to recognize the contributions
24 of James G. Patterson and his dedicated service to Alabama,
25 the nation, and the world; and

26 WHEREAS, James G. Patterson, who died in 2003, was a
27 hero and patriot and the source of justifiable pride to his

1 son, former diplomat James G. Patterson; grandson, James Harel
2 Patterson; and late granddaughter, Alexandra Baker Patterson;
3 now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
5 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That it is a privilege to honor
6 the lifetime of service of James G. Patterson, and it is
7 directed that a copy of this resolution of tribute be provided
8 to his family as evidence of the esteem and gratitude of the
9 people of the State of Alabama.