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3 By Representatives McMillan, Faust, Davis and Baker
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 24-AUG-16

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 HONORING PAUL DOUGLAS RAINS FOR HIS VALOROUS SERVICE
4 IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY.
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6 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
7 presented to Paul Douglas Rains, a lifelong resident of
8 Daphne, Alabama, for his valorous service in the United States
9 Army; and

10 WHEREAS, early in life, Mr. Rains developed a strong
11 desire to become a soldier and serve his country; he answered
12 his calling to join the United States Army at only 17 years of
13 age and shipped out on May 31, 2002, for basic training at
14 Fort Benning, Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, a member of the Army's Airborne Infantry,
16 Mr. Rains was stationed in Alaska and served a tour of duty in
17 Afghanistan; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Rains went on to serve a second tour of
19 duty, this time in Iraq; while serving in Iraq, he incurred
20 severe wounds that made his survival unlikely on the grim day
21 of January 3, 2006; Mr. Rains, who credits God with his
22 survival, suffered a traumatic brain injury, a shattered arm,
23 a severe injury to his right leg, and shrapnel wounds from top
24 to bottom on his right side; one piece of shrapnel pierced his
25 liver and one of his lungs; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Rains has exuded an iron will and
2 abounding positivity during his healing journey; he told a
3 doctor, who claimed he would not be able to walk for three to
4 six months, that he would walk in two or three weeks; he
5 proved the doctor wrong and miraculously began walking two
6 weeks later; upon returning home to Baldwin County, Alabama,
7 he worked as an equipment operator until the pain of his
8 injuries became unbearable; and

9 WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Home Builders
10 Association Charitable Foundation in partnership with the
11 community is building Mr. Rains a new home in appreciation for
12 his service; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Rains and his wife, Jessica, have four
14 daughters, Sophia, Taylor, Juliana, and Reese; and

15 WHEREAS, Paul Douglas Rains demonstrated immense
16 courage and discipline in the midst of war; his unwavering
17 commitment to excellence in defending freedom and democracy is
18 a tremendous source of credit; we are indebted to this true
19 American Hero for his brave actions and willingness to pay the
20 ultimate sacrifice for our liberties; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Paul Douglas Rains is honored
23 and commended, and this resolution is offered to him in
24 highest tribute, along with sincere best wishes for the
25 future.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 24-AUG-16.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

25-AUG-16

Adopted