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4 Beasley, Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dunn,  
5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston,  
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders,  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR18,

5 URGING AWARENESS OF THE PLIGHT OF VETERANS.  
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7 WHEREAS, the United States has been actively  
8 involved with the use of Combat Troops in the War on Terror  
9 for over 15 years; and

10 WHEREAS, all veterans, active and retired, play a  
11 major role in the freedoms we have today and the quality of  
12 life that we now enjoy; and

13 WHEREAS, it has been reported that veterans are now  
14 taking their own lives due to combat-related stress and mental  
15 illness at the rate of 22 veterans per day; and

16 WHEREAS, people around the world have been  
17 participating in the 22 for 22 Challenge where the participant  
18 performs 22 pushups for 22 days in an effort to draw attention  
19 to mental illness and combat-related suicide rate among  
20 veterans; and

21 WHEREAS, the 22 for 22 Challenge is drawing much  
22 needed attention to mental health treatment and is going a  
23 long way to making sure our veterans know they are loved and  
24 cared for and will hopefully result in an increase in funding  
25 and research in relation to mental health and also a decrease

1 in this curable disease that leaves so many victims behind:  
2 suicide; and

3 WHEREAS, to participate you only need to drop down  
4 and "give me 22" for 22 days in remembrance of our veterans  
5 and the trials and tribulation that plague them every day; now  
6 therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That wanting to draw attention to  
9 this movement and the plight of veterans, mental illness, and  
10 the alarming rate of suicide among veterans we do hereby  
11 encourage everyone in the State of Alabama to participate in  
12 the 22 for 22 Challenge.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 19-AUG-16  
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Whatley