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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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8 URGING AWARENESS OF THE PLIGHT OF VETERANS.

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10 WHEREAS, the United States has been actively
11 involved with the use of Combat Troops in the War on Terror
12 for over 15 years; and

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

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

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

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

1 and research in relation to mental health and also a decrease
2 in this curable disease that leaves so many victims behind:
3 suicide; and

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

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