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3 By Representative Sanderford
4 RFD:
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES MICHAEL
4 SPRAYBERRY ON RECEIVING THE MEDAL OF HONOR.
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6 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
7 Lieutenant Colonel James Michael Sprayberry on receiving the
8 Medal of Honor in 1969, awarded by President Richard Nixon;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is the United States
11 military's highest decoration and is awarded by the President,
12 on behalf of Congress to members of the Armed Forces who
13 distinguish themselves conspicuously by gallantry and
14 intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of
15 duty during service; and

16 WHEREAS, reared in Sylacauga, Alabama, Lieutenant
17 Colonel James Michael Sprayberry joined the Army in Montgomery
18 in 1967; he served as a first lieutenant in Company D, 5th
19 Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division
20 (Airmobile) in Vietnam; and

21 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel James Michael
22 Sprayberry's valiant acts in 1968 included leading a nighttime
23 patrol to rescue wounded soldiers, personally destroying
24 several enemy bunkers and machine gun emplacements,

1 eliminating 12 enemy soldiers, and directing isolated men to
2 safety; and

3 WHEREAS, continuing to serve this great nation until
4 his retirement in 1988, Lieutenant Colonel James Michael
5 Sprayberry is the epitome of a hero; although his great
6 sacrifices during his service can never be fully repaid, our
7 state is forever grateful for his brave efforts to preserve
8 freedom for all; and

9 WHEREAS, our great state and country are indebted to
10 the selfless actions of Lieutenant Colonel James Michael
11 Sprayberry whose courage and fortitude are unsurpassed; now
12 therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Lieutenant Colonel James
15 Michael Sprayberry is highly honored and commended, and this
16 resolution is offered in deepest admiration and appreciation
17 for his valorous service, as well as with sincere best wishes
18 for continued success in all future endeavors.

