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3 By Senators Bussman, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,  
4 Brewbaker, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn, Figures,  
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,  
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Sanders, Sanford,  
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8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams  
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8 COMMENDING MAJOR BRYCE R. KUYKENDAHL FOR  
9 EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE CIVIL AIR PATROL.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in  
12 commending Major Bryce R. Kuykendahl for extraordinary service  
13 to the Civil Air Patrol; and

14 WHEREAS, Major Bryce R. Kuykendahl entered the Civil  
15 Air Patrol in 2008 and progressed through the cadet program,  
16 earning the Spaatz Award in January 2014; he served as the  
17 Deputy Commander of Cadets in Fresno, California, and only 10  
18 months into his leadership, the squadron exponentially  
19 improved and earned the National Unit Distinction; he was  
20 active in the Southside Composite Squadron in central Virginia  
21 and became involved in the Wing's search and rescue program,  
22 focusing on missing person searches; and

23 WHEREAS, as a current member of the Alabama Wing, he  
24 serves both at the Redstone Composite Squadron as a Cadet  
25 Programs Officer and on the Wing staff as Director of  
26 Emergency Services; previously, he served as Director of  
27 Professional Development for the Wing and increased senior

1 professional development completion by 20 percent; as Director  
2 of Emergency Services, he works to modernize and streamline  
3 the Wing's operations to make Alabama Wing a premier emergency  
4 response provider; and

5 WHEREAS, his extensive record of excellence includes  
6 earning the Wilson Award in November 2017, holding Master  
7 ratings in Cadet Programs, Aerospace, Professional  
8 Development, and Administration, serving as an Incident  
9 Commander in Emergency Services, and serving as the initial  
10 Operations Section Chief in Puerto Rico for Hurricane Maria  
11 relief and providing over 40,000 pictures to FEMA in 10 days  
12 and developing a sustainable model of operations for the  
13 duration of the relief mission; and

14 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Harvey L. Yarborough  
15 served as Squadron Commander and as the Deputy Commander of  
16 Cadets for the Cullman Squadron before entering his first Wing  
17 Staff position as Director of Emergency Services in 2014; he  
18 currently serves as a Mission Pilot, Communications Officer,  
19 and as the Mission Aircrew School Lead for the Alabama Wing  
20 Emergency Services School (WESS); and

21 WHEREAS, among his many Civil Patrol awards and  
22 honors are the Meritorious Service Award, Commanders  
23 Commendation, Achievement Award, Unit Citation, Find, Disaster  
24 Relief with V, and Community Service; and

25 WHEREAS, a Fresno, California, native, he earned  
26 Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Chinese, International Relations,  
27 and Studies in War and Peace from Norwich University in

1 Vermont, where he graduated cum laude?; he contributes  
2 exceptional direction as a Logistics Management Specialist for  
3 the United States Army's Aviation and Missile Command in  
4 Huntsville, Alabama, and manages over \$4B in Patriot Missile  
5 maintenance; and

6 WHEREAS, through the years, he has earned widespread  
7 respect for the commitment and capability he brought to every  
8 challenge while compiling an outstanding record of leadership;  
9 now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Major Bryce Kuykendall is  
12 commended for extraordinary service to the Civil Air Patrol,  
13 and this resolution is offered in highest tribute and deepest  
14 appreciation on behalf of the citizens of the State of  
15 Alabama.