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3 By Representative Poole
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8 COMMENDING THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL
9 FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF ALABAMA AND RECOGNIZING
10 APRIL 1-7, 2019, AS CIVIL AIR PATROL WEEK AT THE STATE
11 CAPITAL.

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13 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was founded on
14 December 1, 1941, as an organization of volunteers to assist
15 the United States military in national defense by performing
16 aerial coastal patrols and emergency services within the
17 continental United States; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1943, the capabilities of this new
19 volunteer organization were recognized as vital to this
20 country's national defense, and by Presidential Executive
21 Order, the Civil Air Patrol was assigned to the War Department
22 and was subsequently chartered by Congress to perform three
23 distinct missions: emergency services, aerospace education,
24 and cadet programs; and

25 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol air and ground teams
26 perform over 85 percent of inland search and rescue missions

1 tasks by the United States Air Force Rescue Coordination
2 Center; and

3 WHEREAS, the Alabama Wing of the Civil Air Patrol
4 consists of over 925 volunteer members in 19 squadrons and 2
5 groups located throughout this state; and

6 WHEREAS, Alabama Wing was awarded the rating of
7 "Outstanding" during its 2017 operations evaluation by the
8 United States Air Force and numerous other awards for counter
9 drug, emergency services, and cadet programs; and

10 WHEREAS, Alabama Wing members are an intricate
11 component of this country's national defense who volunteer
12 their services, time, and resources to actively support the
13 Civil Air Patrol by conducting missions in homeland security,
14 disaster relief emergency services, search and rescue, counter
15 drug, aerospace education, and cadet programs; and

16 WHEREAS, their contributions to this state are
17 constantly evidenced through their efforts to locate missing
18 aircraft and people in Alabama, to locate and silence numerous
19 activated distress beacons, to conduct joint exercises with
20 local emergency agencies throughout this state; and

21 WHEREAS, Alabama Wing volunteers also supported and
22 honored more than 280,000 fallen soldiers through the Wreaths
23 Across America initiative, supported educators throughout the
24 state in Aerospace Education Week by building and launching
25 rockets, and introduced hundreds of Alabama youth and teachers
26 to aviation through the flight orientation programs; and

1 WHEREAS, the estimated value of the Alabama Wing
2 members' volunteer hours is almost immeasurable; and

3 WHEREAS, these "Flying Minutemen" of the Civil Air
4 Patrol have, since the program's inception, consistently
5 provided this state with invaluable emergency services,
6 aerospace education, and cadet programs; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the members of this body
9 commend the volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol for their
10 service to the citizens of Alabama and recognize April 1-7,
11 2019, as Civil Air Patrol Week at the state capital.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House
13 of Representatives is authorized and directed to make
14 appropriate copies of this resolution available for
15 distribution to the Alabama Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.