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6 RFD: Rules  
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUING OPERATION AND  
4 EXPANSION OF THE ALABAMA STATE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY AT  
5 SPANISH FORT.

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7 WHEREAS, we solemnly recognize the service and the  
8 sacrifice of our veterans as they have borne the cost of  
9 America's wars and have stood watch over American's peace from  
10 Valley Forge to Vietnam, from Kuwait to Kandahar, and from  
11 Berlin to Baghdad; and

12 WHEREAS, providing our veterans with a dignified and  
13 solemn resting place is both our duty and our honor; and

14 WHEREAS, Alabama is home to approximately 400,000  
15 service members and veterans; and

16 WHEREAS, on May 22, 2009, the Governor of this great  
17 State of Alabama authorized the State Board of Veterans  
18 Affairs to establish and operate a state-owned and  
19 state-operated veterans cemetery; and

20 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2012, the Alabama State  
21 Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort was dedicated to  
22 the men and women who answered our nation's call, both at home  
23 and around the world; assuring them the sacrifices they laid  
24 upon the altar of freedom would never be diminished or  
25 forgotten, and calling for visitors to be silent and

1 respectful on those hallowed grounds upon which patriots rest;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the Alabama State Veterans Memorial  
4 Cemetery at Spanish Fort is one of only three active veterans  
5 cemeteries in Alabama, and is the only one in south Alabama;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the Alabama State Veterans Memorial  
8 Cemetery at Spanish Fort was designed to be expanded every  
9 decade to provide 100 years of interment services; and

10 WHEREAS, the first phase of the Alabama State  
11 Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort's full capacity is  
12 expected to be reached before 2024; and

13 WHEREAS, the expansion project qualified for federal  
14 funds that would cover the entire cost of expansion; now  
15 therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the members of this body join  
18 together in support of the continuing operation and expansion  
19 of the Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish  
20 Fort in honor of those ordinary Americans who were called upon  
21 to do extraordinary things.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we direct that copies  
23 of this resolution be delivered to the Secretary of the United  
24 States Department of Veterans Affairs and the Commissioner of  
25 the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs.

