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3 By Representatives Drake, Shedd, Kitchens, Fincher, Pringle,
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8 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUING OPERATION AND
9 EXPANSION OF THE ALABAMA STATE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY AT
10 SPANISH FORT.

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12 WHEREAS, we solemnly recognize the service and the
13 sacrifice of our veterans as they have borne the cost of
14 America's wars and have stood watch over American's peace from
15 Valley Forge to Vietnam, from Kuwait to Kandahar, and from
16 Berlin to Baghdad; and

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

19 WHEREAS, Alabama is home to approximately 400,000
20 service members and veterans; and

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

25 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2012, the Alabama State
26 Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort was dedicated to
27 the men and women who answered our nation's call, both at home

1 and around the world; assuring them the sacrifices they laid
2 upon the altar of freedom would never be diminished or
3 forgotten, and calling for visitors to be silent and
4 respectful on those hallowed grounds upon which patriots rest;
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6 WHEREAS, the Alabama State Veterans Memorial
7 Cemetery at Spanish Fort is one of only three active veterans
8 cemeteries in Alabama, and is the only one in south Alabama;
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10 WHEREAS, the Alabama State Veterans Memorial
11 Cemetery at Spanish Fort was designed to be expanded every
12 decade to provide 100 years of interment services; and

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

16 WHEREAS, the expansion project qualified for federal
17 funds that would cover the entire cost of expansion; now
18 therefore,

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

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we direct that copies
26 of this resolution be delivered to the Secretary of the United

1 States Department of Veterans Affairs and the Commissioner of
2 the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs.