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3 By Representative Carns
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 COMMENDING COLONEL DAVID ETHEREDGE FOR PROFESSIONAL
4 ACHIEVEMENTS.

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6 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we
7 highly commend Colonel David Etheredge, the Commander of the
8 117th Maintenance Group, Sumpter Smith Air National Guard
9 Base, Birmingham, Alabama, and a Senior Evaluator Pilot on the
10 KC-135R/T with the Alabama Air National Guard, for his many
11 professional achievements; as Group Commander, he is
12 responsible for over 300 personnel in a TFA ANG Active
13 Associate Wing to generate and execute nine KC-135R aircraft
14 to provide worldwide aerial refueling and airlift missions;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, upon graduating from the Academy of
17 Military Science in June 1994, Colonel Etheredge gained his
18 commission as a Second Lieutenant; in July 1995, he graduated
19 from Undergraduate Pilot Training from Columbus Air Force
20 Base, Mississippi, as a Distinguished Graduate; upon
21 completion of KC-135 initial training at Altus Air Force Base,
22 Oklahoma, he was assigned to the 106th Air Refueling Squadron;
23 over the years, he has served in a variety of positions at the
24 squadron, group, and wing levels, including, but not limited
25 to, Operations Support Squadron Commander, Chief of Wing

1 Tactics, and Chief of Aircrew Training; furthermore, he is a
2 veteran of operations Joint Forge, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring
3 Freedom, Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Inherent Resolve,
4 Freedom's Sentinel, and Noble Eagle, flying over 220 combat
5 and combat support sorties in the KC-135; also, he is a Flying
6 Safety Officer, an Aircraft Mishap Investigator, and the
7 Safety and Accident Investigation Board President; a highly
8 decorated pilot, Colonel Etheredge has accumulated more than
9 5,100 flying hours; and

10 WHEREAS, Colonel Etheredge's unwavering bravery,
11 steadfast selflessness, and diligent commitment to serving
12 others make him an incredible leader and friend in the lives
13 of many; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Colonel David Etheredge is
16 highly commended for his many professional achievements, and
17 this resolution hereby serves as a tribute to him with warmest
18 gratitude and admiration, along with sincere best wishes for
19 continued happiness and success during his retirement.

