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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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RECOGNIZING MEMORIAL DAY AND HONORING THE
5 COURAGEOUS PATRIOTS WHO HAVE FOUGHT FOR THE UNITED STATES OF
6 AMERICA.

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WHEREAS, with great pride and very special pleasure,
9 we recognize Memorial Day and highly honor every patriot who
10 has bravely fought for the United States of America; and

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WHEREAS, in his 2004 proclamation, former President
George W. Bush stated, "For more than two centuries,
Americans have been called to defend the founding ideals of
our democracy. On this year's Memorial Day, a grateful
Nation remembers the proud patriots who made the ultimate
sacrifice in defense of liberty's blessings. From the
opening battles of the American Revolution through the
turmoil of the Civil War, to World War I, World War II,
Korea, and Vietnam, to the Persian Gulf and today's
operations in the War on Terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, and
around the world, the members of our military have built a
tradition of honorable and faithful service. As we observe
Memorial Day, we remember the more than one million
Americans who have died to preserve our freedom, the more
than 140,000 citizens who were prisoners of war, and all
those who were declared missing in action. We also honor our
veterans for their dedication to America and their
sacrifice. In a radio address on June 6, 1944, President



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29 Franklin Roosevelt described these service members as the
30 'pride of our Nation,' who struggled to preserve our
31 civilization. The fallen from that fateful day and that war
32 will always be remembered. They hold a cherished place in
33 the history of the United States and in the memories of the
34 people they liberated. Today, all who wear the uniform of
35 the United States are serving at a crucial hour in history,
36 and each has answered a great call to serve our Nation on
37 the front lines of freedom. As we continue to fight
38 terrorism and promote peace and freedom, let us pray for the
39 safety and strength of our troops, for God's blessing on
40 them and their families, and for those who have lost loved
41 ones. On this Memorial Day, we honor all of our fallen
42 soldiers, their commitment to our country, and their legacy
43 of patriotism and sacrifice. By giving their lives in the
44 cause of freedom, these heroes have protected and inspired
45 all Americans. In respect for their devotion to America, the
46 Congress, by a joint resolution approved on May 11, 1950, as
47 amended (64 Stat. 158), has requested the President to issue
48 a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to
49 observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent
50 peace and designating a period on that day when the people
51 of the United States might unite in prayer; The Congress, by
52 Public Law 106-579, has also designated the minute beginning
53 at 3:00 p.m. local time on that day as a time for all
54 Americans to observe the National Moment of Remembrance. God
55 Bless America"; now therefore,

56 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH



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57 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize Memorial Day
58 and highly honor the brave patriots who have fought for the
59 United States of America are highly commended, and this
60 resolution hereby serves as a tribute to them with utmost
61 gratitude, admiration, and regard.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 09-May-23.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

17-May-23

Adopted