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HJR\_\_\_ RECOGNIZING MEMORIAL DAY AND HONORING THE COURAGEOUS PATRIOTS WHO HAVE FOUGHT FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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

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 Franklin Roosevelt described these service members as the



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

55 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
56 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize Memorial Day



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