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HR\_\_\_\_\_ OBSERVING MEMORIAL DAY ON MAY 27, 2024, AND PAYING TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN SERVICE TO OUR NATION.

WHEREAS, the last Monday in May is set aside to not just mourn those we have lost, but to celebrate them for making the ultimate sacrifice for the greatest cause that a country has ever pursued: one nation, united under God, as one people created equal, so that we might all live in the land of the free because of the brave; and

WHEREAS, our grateful Nation honors their selfless service and sacrifice, and we acknowledge a debt of gratitude beyond our capability to repay; and

WHEREAS, with approximately 400,000 Veterans of the United States Armed Forces currently residing in the Yellowhammer State, including the 16 Veterans currently serving in the Alabama House of Representatives, Alabama is one of the most Veteran friendly states in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, it is important to show our gratitude for all soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, coast guardsmen, and merchant mariners who died in the service of the United States so that we might continue to enjoy the liberties we so deeply cherish; and

WHEREAS, America's heroes have fought for the values and beliefs that make our country admired around the world;



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29 from the battlefields of the Revolutionary War, the  
30 Mexican-American War, the American Civil War, and those  
31 distant battlefields of the Spanish-American War, World Wars  
32 I and II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East, our men and  
33 women have fought for democracy and liberty for our own  
34 Nation and for others; and

35 WHEREAS, on Memorial Day especially, and throughout  
36 the year, we honor and pray for our Gold Star Families and  
37 show our respect for the sacrifices that their family  
38 members made; and

39 WHEREAS, every grave across our state and country  
40 that memorializes a soldier also represents the ultimate  
41 fight to ensure the vision our Founding Fathers engraved on  
42 the Liberty Bell with a verse from Leviticus 25:10:  
43 "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the  
44 inhabitants thereof"; and

45 WHEREAS, the Nation's first Memorial Day was held in  
46 1868 to honor those who dedicated their lives to form a new  
47 republic, marking 2024 as the 156th Anniversary of this  
48 honored tradition; and

49 WHEREAS, we encourage all Alabamians to participate  
50 in ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate their  
51 support and in recognition of the contribution of our fallen  
52 warriors; now therefore,

53 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
54 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That May 27, 2024, is recognized as  
55 Memorial Day, and we solemnly remember and honor the memory  
56 of those who have given their lives in service to our



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57 Nation; we commit to never forget their sacrifice and to  
58 strive for a peaceful state in their memory; we ask all  
59 residents of Alabama to participate in the National Moment  
60 of Remembrance at 3:00 p.m. on Memorial Day by pausing for a  
61 moment of silence.