

## HJR187 INTRODUCED



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4 HJR\_\_\_ RECOGNIZING THE BAY FROG OPEN AND RETIRED NAVY SEAL  
5 LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RICHARD CLIFFORD FOR THEIR DEDICATION  
6 TO THE UNITED STATES SPECIAL FORCES.  
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8 WHEREAS, on June 22, 2025, in Erie, Pennsylvania,  
9 Uncommon Grit Foundation (UGF) is hosting its third annual  
10 Bay Frog Open One-Mile Swim, which will feature athletes  
11 accompanied by former Navy SEALs and Special Operations  
12 Veterans; and

13 WHEREAS, the Bay Frog Open One-Mile Swim will  
14 conclude three days of events that center around awareness,  
15 patriotism, community, and fun; this high-performance  
16 athletic event draws together anyone willing to take the  
17 challenge in a race that embodies the grit and determination  
18 of the Special Operations Forces; and

19 WHEREAS, proceeds from the event will benefit  
20 Uncommon Grit Foundation as well as allow UGF to elevate the  
21 work of other nonprofit organizations that raise money for  
22 our nation's service men and women; and

23 WHEREAS, founded in spring of 2020, the mission of  
24 UGF is to raise awareness and increase community support for  
25 military Veterans, first responders, and their families in  
26 recognition and thanks for their service and sacrifice to  
27 our country; and

28 WHEREAS, we commend proud Alabamian Navy SEAL



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Lieutenant Commander (Retired) Richard Clifford for his support of Uncommon Grit Foundation; LCDR Clifford joined the military in 1986, BUDS Class 142; during his 31 years of active duty, he served combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, and for his service in Afghanistan he received a Bronze Star and two Combat Action Ribbons; he retired in 2017 and has since advocated for and contributed to various military Veteran organizations, including this year's Bay Frog Open hosted by the Uncommon Grit Foundation, bringing awareness of their worthy causes back to the great State of Alabama; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize and celebrate the missions of Uncommon Grit Foundation and retired Navy SEAL Lieutenant Commander Richard Clifford on their work to support all United States Special Operations Forces; we commend their fundraising efforts at the 2025 Bay Frog Open, and we hereby dedicate this resolution to them with heartiest appreciation and admiration, along with sincere best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.