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4 HJR____ HONORING AND COMMENDING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF CADET
5 DRAKKEN TRU GRAHAM.
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7 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, the
8 achievements of Cadet Drakken Tru Graham are posthumously
9 commended and celebrated with highest honors; and

10 WHEREAS, Cadet Graham was a graduate of Sand Rock
11 High School, where he excelled as an athlete; he was a
12 standout football star earning his place as All County, All
13 Region, Team Captain, and the nickname "Mr. Mean"; he was
14 also a track and field champion, earning first place in
15 State in 2022 for the 4X400 relay, the One More Award, Team
16 Captain, and All County recognition; and

17 WHEREAS, Cadet Graham was an excellent student, and
18 graduated with honors; he was a member of the National Beta
19 Club and elected to the Senior Prom Court; he was awarded a
20 four-year Army ROTC Scholarship for possessing the core Army
21 ROTC characteristics of scholar, athlete, and leader; and

22 WHEREAS, Cadet Graham matriculated to Jacksonville
23 State University where he continued to shine academically,
24 having been named to the Dean's List for the Fall of 2023
25 semester and the President's List for the Spring of 2024
26 semester; he continued to earn top marks with the Army ROTC
27 program; he served as squad leader and platoon Sergeant
28 before being named the Ranger Team Captain of the Gamecock



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Battalion; during his tenure, he earned the Military Order of the World Wars Award, which is the top military science award; the Army ROTC Dean's List Award; the Ranger Challenge Award; and the Color Guard Award; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Graham was a 2024 graduate of the United States Army Airborne School; he earned the U.S. Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service during annual training where he conducted convoy operations during the day and at night and was responsible for the movement of over 50 personnel to Fort McClellan, creating an SOP for establishing the Tactical Operations Center; he also earned the Alabama Lead Generation Ribbon for actions that displayed a commitment to the strength and readiness of the Alabama National Guard; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Cadet Drakken Tru Graham was a gifted student, athlete, and leader; his service to the Army ROTC program highlights these achievements, and we continue to hold him in high regard and honor him in our memory.