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4 HR_____ HONORING WOUNDED WARRIORS FOR THEIR SERVICE AND
5 SACRIFICE WHILE PROTECTING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
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7 WHEREAS, with very special pleasure, we highly honor
8 Alabama's wounded warriors, members of the Armed Forces who
9 have voluntarily put themselves in harm's way while fighting
10 the enemies of freedom around the world so that all citizens
11 of the United States and countless citizens of other nations
12 can enjoy the blessing of liberty in peace; and

13 WHEREAS, the Wounded Warriors in Action Foundation
14 (WWIA) was created to serve our Nation's combat wounded
15 Purple Heart recipients by providing them with world-class
16 outdoor sporting events and activities to show our
17 appreciation and to recognize and to honor their sacrifice,
18 encourage independence and connections with communities, and
19 promote healing and wellness through camaraderie and a
20 shared passion for the outdoors; and

21 WHEREAS, this year, the WWIA will hold their 3rd
22 Annual Alabama Turkey & Hog Hunt on April 2-6, 2025, in
23 honor of three of Alabama's warriors; it will be an
24 opportunity for these heroes to experience world-class
25 hunting, camaraderie, and connection with their fellow
26 combat-wounded Veterans; and

27 WHEREAS, the three honorees of this year's event are
28 Associate and Guide at WWIA, U.S. Army Sergeant Jake



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29 Whipkey, 2004-2009, Operation Iraqi Freedom; U.S. Army
30 Sergeant First Class Luke Cureton, 1999-2010, Operation
31 Iraqi Freedom; and U.S. Marine Sergeant Adrian Aranda,
32 1998-2002, Operation Enduring Freedom; and

33 WHEREAS, these war Veterans, who have sacrificed
34 greatly to keep our great country safe, are appreciated and
35 commended for their steadfast bravery, profound heroism, and
36 unwavering selflessness; now therefore,

37 BE IT RESOLVED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
38 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That wounded warriors, Sergeant Jake
39 Whipkey, Sergeant First Class Luke Cureton, and Sergeant
40 Adrian Aranda are hereby honored for their sacrifices while
41 serving and protecting the United States of America, and we
42 hereby dedicate this resolution to them with utmost
43 gratitude, admiration, and respect.