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4 HR_____ 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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29 Lieutenant Commander (Retired) Richard Clifford for his
30 support of Uncommon Grit Foundation; LCDR Clifford joined
31 the military in 1986, BUDS Class 142; during his 31 years of
32 active duty, he served combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan,
33 and for his service in Afghanistan he received a Bronze Star
34 and two Combat Action Ribbons; he retired in 2017 and has
35 since advocated for and contributed to various military
36 Veteran organizations, including this year's Bay Frog Open
37 hosted by the Uncommon Grit Foundation, bringing awareness
38 of their worthy causes back to the great State of Alabama;
39 now therefore,

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