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4 HJR\_\_\_\_ RECOGNIZING ALABAMA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD STAFF  
5 SERGEANT RONALD WAYNE HURST UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound appreciation and deepest  
8 admiration that we recognize Staff Sergeant (SSG) Ronald  
9 Wayne Hurst for more than 20 years of faithful military  
10 service, first as a member of the United States Navy and  
11 more recently as a distinguished noncommissioned officer in  
12 the Alabama Army National Guard; and

13 WHEREAS, throughout his noble career, SSG Hurst has  
14 demonstrated unwavering dedication to duty, mission  
15 accomplishment, and the welfare of sailors, soldiers, and  
16 their families; and

17 WHEREAS, his military journey began in the U.S. Navy,  
18 as a three-year term from June 1987 to June 1990; Hurst  
19 served in the Naval Presidential Ceremonial Honor Guard and  
20 was stationed in Washington, D.C., where his duties included  
21 funerals in Arlington Cemetery; Hurst also stood guard at  
22 the door of then-Department of Defense Secretary Dick  
23 Cheney, as well as participated in Presidential galas and  
24 inaugurations; and

25 WHEREAS, following a 15-year break in service, SSG  
26 Hurst reenlisted in the Alabama Army National Guard in  
27 December 2005 as a Horizontal Construction Engineer; he has  
28 held key assignments with the 1312th Engineer Detachment,

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29 the 168th Engineer Company, and the Fort McClellan Training  
30 Center; demonstrating exceptional leadership and technical  
31 expertise, he steadily progressed through the ranks, earning  
32 promotions to Specialist in 2012, Sergeant in 2014, and  
33 Staff Sergeant in June 2024; he currently serves as a  
34 Horizontal Construction Engineer Instructor at the 3rd  
35 Battalion, 200th Regiment; and

36 WHEREAS, SSG Hurst's awards and decorations include  
37 the Meritorious Unit Commendation, as well as medals for  
38 Joint Service Achievement, Army Achievement (2nd Award),  
39 Army Reserve Component Achievement, and the Alabama  
40 Commendation Medal, and ribbons for Noncommissioned Officer  
41 Professional Development, Army Service, and the Army Reserve  
42 Components Overseas Training Ribbon; and

43 WHEREAS, SSG Hurst is scheduled to retire in April  
44 2026, completing more than two decades of faithful military  
45 service; throughout his career, he has exemplified the  
46 highest standards of leadership, professionalism, and  
47 personal courage, earning the respect and admiration of  
48 officers, noncommissioned officers, and enlisted personnel  
49 alike; now therefore,

50 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
51 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby most highly  
52 commend Alabama Army National Guard Staff Sergeant Ronald  
53 Wayne Hurst for his exceptional service, outstanding  
54 leadership, and lasting contributions to the United States  
55 Armed Forces and our nation.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be



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57      entered into the official record as a testament to Staff  
58      Sergeant Hurst's honorable service and presented to him as  
59      an expression of profound gratitude and highest esteem.