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HJR____ RECOGNIZING ALABAMA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD STAFF
SERGEANT RONALD WAYNE HURST UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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.