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4 HR_____ URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS THE MAJOR
5 RICHARD STAR ACT.

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7 WHEREAS, The United States Congress is urged to pass
8 the Major Richard Star Act to ensure veterans with
9 disabilities receive their full United States Department of
10 Defense retirement pay and United States Department of
11 Veterans Affairs disability compensation without offset; and

12 WHEREAS, the Major Richard Star Act (H.R. 2102, S.
13 1032), presented by the United States House of
14 Representatives and the United States Senate, seeks to amend
15 federal law to expand eligibility for concurrent receipt of
16 disability compensation and retirement pay for veterans; and

17 WHEREAS, current federal law requires a
18 dollar-for-dollar offset of disability compensation and
19 retirement pay for veterans with disabilities who were
20 medically retired with fewer than 20 years of service,
21 denying them the full benefits they earned through their
22 service and sacrifice; and

23 WHEREAS, approximately 50,000 veterans with
24 disabilities, including those who sustained combat-related
25 injuries, are affected by this offset, resulting in
26 significant financial hardship and an average loss of \$1,200
27 per month in earned benefits; and

28 WHEREAS, the Major Richard Star Act aims to correct

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29 this injustice by allowing eligible veterans with
30 disabilities to receive both their full U.S. Department of
31 Defense retirement pay and U.S. Department of Veterans
32 Affairs disability compensation; and

33 WHEREAS, the bill has garnered significant bipartisan
34 support in Congress, with substantial cosponsorship in both
35 the House of Representatives and the Senate; and

36 WHEREAS, Alabama is home to a large veteran
37 population who served the nation with honor and distinction;
38 many of Alabama's veterans suffer with disabilities that are
39 impacted by the current offset policy; and

40 WHEREAS, numerous veterans' organizations have
41 endorsed the Major Richard Star Act, highlighting its
42 importance in ensuring that veterans with disabilities
43 receive the benefits they rightfully earned; and

44 WHEREAS, Congress has a duty to care for veterans
45 with disabilities, ensuring they receive the support and
46 benefits earned through their service; and

47 WHEREAS, veterans with disabilities have advocated
48 for the elimination of this offset, underscoring the
49 physical, psychological, and financial burdens they face due
50 to this policy; and

51 WHEREAS, the Major Richard Star Act aligns with the
52 nation's commitment to honor and support all veterans,
53 including those in Alabama, by ensuring they receive the
54 full benefits they earned through their service, regardless
55 of their length of service; and

56 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature recognizes the

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57 urgent need to address this injustice and support veterans
58 with disabilities who have sacrificed for our nation; now
59 therefore,

60 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
61 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Legislature urges the
62 United States Congress to pass the Major Richard Star Act
63 (H.R. 2102, S. 1032) to ensure that veterans with
64 disabilities receive their full U.S. Department of Defense
65 retirement pay and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
66 disability compensation without offset.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
68 resolution be sent to the President and Vice President of
69 the United States, to the Speaker of the House of
70 Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the United States
71 Senate, and to the Alabama delegation to the Congress of the
72 United States.