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4 Boothe and Moore (B)  
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8 HONORING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS BY  
9 DESIGNATING FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015, AS "THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
10 SERVICE DAY IN ALABAMA" AND HONORING THOSE VETERANS AND FAMILY  
11 MEMBERS ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 12, 2015, DURING CEREMONIES OF  
12 THE 2015 ALABAMA STATE GAMES XXXIII AT THE NATIONAL PEANUT  
13 FESTIVAL FAIRGROUNDS IN DOTHAN, ALABAMA.  
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15 WHEREAS, historically, participating in sports has  
16 made a tremendous positive impact on the lives of many  
17 Alabamians, bringing high honor, acclaim, and in many cases,  
18 worldwide recognition to the state; and

19 WHEREAS, Alabama has a rich and powerful legacy of  
20 sports achievement, which continues to inspire and contribute  
21 to the concept of individual excellence with team sports being  
22 made up of exceptional individuals who are patriotic,  
23 well-disciplined, well-rounded, and high achievers; and

24 WHEREAS, the Alabama State Games was established in  
25 1982 at the request of the United States Olympic Committee to  
26 expose athletes, volunteers, and spectators of all ages,  
27 especially our youth, to Olympic sports and the overall

1 Olympic experience with all of its traditions and to be a  
2 positive statewide mentor organization for the youth of  
3 Alabama; and

4 WHEREAS, the Alabama State Games has for 33 years  
5 encouraged the youth of Alabama to participate in sports for  
6 personal enrichment and to perpetuate the sports legacy that  
7 is unique to Alabama; additionally, the Alabama State Games  
8 has traditionally used its Opening Ceremonies as an  
9 educational tool to remind athletes, coaches, parents, and  
10 officials, as well as the viewing audience, of developments  
11 that have occurred in our nation's history allowing freedom to  
12 all United States citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, the Governor of Alabama, the Alabama  
14 Legislature, and the Alabama Governor's Commission on Physical  
15 Fitness have consistently partnered with the Alabama State  
16 Games programs allowing the youth of our state the opportunity  
17 to participate in sports activities and to participate in  
18 State Games programs, contributing to the overall well-being  
19 and strength of Alabama; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Legislature hereby  
22 designates June 12, 2015, as "THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE DAY  
23 IN ALABAMA" for the veterans and family members; and we hereby  
24 recognize and honor them on the evening of June 12, 2015, with  
25 a special tribute during the Alabama State Games XXXIII  
26 Opening Ceremonies at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds  
27 in Dothan, Alabama.

1                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all citizens of  
2           Alabama, especially the citizens of the Wiregrass area, are  
3           encouraged to attend the opening ceremonies for the special  
4           tribute.