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8 RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES MICHAEL
9 SPRAYBERRY ON RECEIVING THE MEDAL OF HONOR.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
12 Lieutenant Colonel James Michael Sprayberry on receiving the
13 Medal of Honor in 1969, awarded by President Richard Nixon;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is the United States
16 military's highest decoration and is awarded by the President,
17 on behalf of Congress to members of the Armed Forces who
18 distinguish themselves conspicuously by gallantry and
19 intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of
20 duty during service; and

21 WHEREAS, reared in Sylacauga, Alabama, Lieutenant
22 Colonel James Michael Sprayberry joined the Army in Montgomery
23 in 1967; he served as a first lieutenant in Company D, 5th
24 Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division
25 (Airmobile) in Vietnam; and

26 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel James Michael
27 Sprayberry's valiant acts in 1968 included leading a nighttime

1 patrol to rescue wounded soldiers, personally destroying
2 several enemy bunkers and machine gun emplacements,
3 eliminating 12 enemy soldiers, and directing isolated men to
4 safety; and

5 WHEREAS, continuing to serve this great nation until
6 his retirement in 1988, Lieutenant Colonel James Michael
7 Sprayberry is the epitome of a hero; although his great
8 sacrifices during his service can never be fully repaid, our
9 state is forever grateful for his brave efforts to preserve
10 freedom for all; and

11 WHEREAS, our great state and country are indebted to
12 the selfless actions of Lieutenant Colonel James Michael
13 Sprayberry whose courage and fortitude are unsurpassed; now
14 therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Lieutenant Colonel James
17 Michael Sprayberry is highly honored and commended, and this
18 resolution is offered in deepest admiration and appreciation
19 for his valorous service, as well as with sincere best wishes
20 for continued success in all future endeavors.