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3 By Representative McCutcheon
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 02-FEB-21

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
4 (RETIRED) BENNIE G. ADKINS.
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6 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
7 death of Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Bennie G. Adkins, of
8 Opelika, Alabama, on April 17, 2020, at the age of 86 years;
9 his passing leaves a void in the lives of his loving family,
10 many friends, and the entire community, where he was highly
11 regarded; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Adkins was born on February 1, 1934, in
13 Waurika, Oklahoma; for more than 20 years, he served our
14 country in the U.S. Army, over 13 of those years were spent as
15 a Green Beret in 7th, 3rd, 6th, and 5th Special Forces Groups;
16 he was deployed to Vietnam three times; in 2014, he was
17 awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic
18 actions in 1966 during a battle in Vietnam; he retired from
19 the Army in 1978 at the rank of Command Sergeant Major; and

20 WHEREAS, following his retirement from the military,
21 he earned a Bachelor's degree and two Master's degrees from
22 Troy University; he later established an accounting firm in
23 Auburn, which he headed for 22 years until he retired; in
24 2017, he established The Bennie Adkins Foundation, which

1 provides educational scholarships to Special Forces soldiers; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Adkins was predeceased by his wife,
3 Mary Adkins; sons, Dennis Adkins and Wayne Adkins; his
4 survivors include daughter, Mary Ann Adkins Blake (David) and
5 sons, Michael Adkins (Christine) and W. Keith Adkins (Jaime);
6 brothers, Gerrol Adkins (June) and Jim Adkins (Katie); and a
7 host of other relatives and many friends; although his
8 presence will be greatly missed, the memories of him will be
9 cherished in the hearts of all who knew and loved him; now
10 therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Command Sergeant
13 Major (Retired) Bennie G. Adkins, is recorded with deep
14 sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to his life
15 and with heartfelt sympathy to his family.

