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4 Sessions, Boothe, Farley, McMillan, Treadaway, Williams (D),
5 McClendon, Nordgren, Millican, Williams (J), Greer, Johnson
6 (W), Long, Roberts, Rich, McCutcheon, Fincher, Chesteen,
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8 Baker, Weaver, Faust and Brown
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8 HONORING ALABAMA WOUNDED WARRIORS, DISABLED
9 VETERANS, AND FALLEN SERVICE MEMBERS WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE
10 SACRIFICE; RECOGNIZING JUNE 22, 2012, AS THE WOUNDED WARRIORS,
11 DISABLED VETERANS, AND FALLEN SERVICE MEMBERS DAY IN ALABAMA;
12 AND ESTABLISHING THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE MEDAL OF HONOR.
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14 WHEREAS, historically, participating in sports has
15 made a tremendous positive impact on the lives of many
16 Alabamians, bringing high honor, acclaim, and in many cases,
17 worldwide recognition to the state; and

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

23 WHEREAS, the Alabama Sports Festival was established
24 in 1982 at the request of the United States Olympic Committee
25 to expose athletes, volunteers, and spectators of all ages,
26 especially our youth, to Olympic sports and the overall
27 Olympic experience with all of its traditions; and

1 WHEREAS, the Alabama Sports Festival has for 30
2 years encouraged the youth of Alabama to participate in sports
3 for personal enrichment and to perpetuate the sports legacy
4 that is unique to Alabama; additionally, the Festival has
5 traditionally used its Opening Ceremonies as an educational
6 tool to remind athletes, coaches, parents, and officials, as
7 well as viewing audiences, of developments that have occurred
8 in our nation's history allowing freedom to all United States
9 citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, the Governor of Alabama, the Alabama
11 Legislature, and the Alabama Governor's Commission on Physical
12 Fitness have consistently partnered with Festival programs
13 allowing youth the opportunity to participate in sports
14 activities which contribute to the overall well-being and
15 strength of Alabama; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby establish the
18 Alabama Legislature Medal of Honor and we urge the Alabama
19 Sports Festival to present the Medal of Honor to all Alabama
20 Wounded Warriors, Disabled Veterans, and Fallen Service
21 Members who made the ultimate sacrifice serving our country in
22 protecting our nation's security and freedom.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby recognize
24 June 22, 2012, as the Wounded Warriors, Disabled Veterans, and
25 Fallen Service Members Day in Alabama.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge that the
27 honoring of Wounded Warriors, Disabled Veterans, and Fallen

1 Service Members of Alabama take place at 7:00 p.m., Friday,
2 June 22, 2012, during the 30th Anniversary of the Alabama
3 Sports Festival Opening Ceremony.