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13 Melton, Millican, Mooney, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow,  
14 Nordgren, Patterson, Pettus, Polizos, Poole, Pringle, Rich,  
15 Robinson, Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford, Scott, Sells, Sessions,  
16 Shedd, Shiver, South, Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle,  
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8 DEDICATING THE COMMISSIONING BELL OF THE USS CHILTON  
9 TO THE CITIZENS OF CHILTON COUNTY.

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11 WHEREAS, citizens of Chilton County, Alabama, have  
12 served with honor and distinction as members of the Armed  
13 Forces of the United States of America; and

14 WHEREAS, 106 residents of Chilton County gave their  
15 lives in service to the United States and their fellow  
16 citizens during the First World War, the Second World War,  
17 Korea, Southeast Asia, Lebanon and Iraq; and

18 WHEREAS, members of Chilton County's Greatest  
19 Generation responded to the call to service during the Second  
20 World War; and

21 WHEREAS, 53 residents of Chilton County sacrificed  
22 their lives in service to the United States and their fellow  
23 citizens during the Second World War; and

24 WHEREAS, civilian residents of Chilton County  
25 supported the effort to defeat the Axis Powers through  
26 numerous community activities, especially the purchase of War  
27 Savings Bonds; and

1           WHEREAS, the citizens of Chilton County were honored  
2 for their efforts by having a Bayfield Class Attack Transport  
3 Ship named in their honor; and

4           WHEREAS, APA-38 was commissioned the USS Chilton on  
5 December 7, 1943; and

6           WHEREAS, the USS Chilton and crew served with honor  
7 and distinction as Flag Ship of Transport Squadron 17 in  
8 support of military assault operations during the invasion of  
9 Okinawa and evacuated casualties from that combat zone; and

10          WHEREAS, the USS Chilton and crew survived multiple  
11 direct hits by Japanese kamikaze aircraft during this  
12 engagement; and

13          WHEREAS, the USS Chilton and crew continued to serve  
14 with honor and distinction following the war, participating in  
15 support of the Bay of Pigs Operation, the blockade of Cuba  
16 during the Thirteen Days of October 1962, and as a member of  
17 Task Force 180 in support of the Apollo 10 space mission; and

18          WHEREAS, the USS Chilton was decommissioned in July  
19 1972 after three decades of service to the citizens of the  
20 United States of America; and

21          WHEREAS, the Commissioning Bell of the USS Chilton  
22 is the sole remaining artifact of this proud vessel; now  
23 therefore,

24          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Commissioning Bell of the  
26 USS Chilton is hereby dedicated in honor of those citizens of  
27 Chilton County, Alabama, who have served in the Armed Forces

1 of the United States of America and especially those who made  
2 the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the United States of  
3 America and their fellow citizens.